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# **Scores die as Russian forces storm school**

At least 200 dead, as 3-day terrorist seige ends Page 13

# As RNC ends, Bush hits campaign trail hard



President says U.S., world 'safer' now; Kerry strikes back



AP photo

Left: President Bush signs autographs and greets supporters at a campaign rally at Lackawanna County Stadium on Friday, in Moosic, Pa. Right: Bush waves to delegates at the end of the Republican National Convention in New York's Madison Square Carden on Thursday.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### States

California gay marriages: A dozen gay and lesban couples and the city of San Francisco have launched a legal attack on California's ban on same-sex marriage, arguing that the law enshrines bigotry, discriminates arbitrarily and violates a constitutional right to marry one's chosen partner.

"Exclusion from marriage ... marks lesbian and gay couples as second-class citizens. It dashes their hopes and dreams, and labels them and their children as inferior, based only on archaic stereotypes," lawyers for the couples say in written arguments in San Francisco Superior Court.

"The time for marriage equality has arrived," declared lawyers from City Attorney Dennis Herrera's office, which is suing on the city's behalf to overturn the marriage law.

Thursday's briefs opened what is likely to

be the decisive round in the court battle over the law that defines marriage as a union strictly between a man and a woman. The law was passed by the California Legislature in 1977 and reaffirmed in 2000 by voters' approval of Proposition 22. Snowmobiles in Yellowstone: Attorneys

Snowmobiles in Yellowstone: Attorneys for snowmobile manufacturers, winter resorts and other tourism-related ventures have asked a federal judge in Cheyenne, Wyo, to permanently lift a snowmobile ban in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks so the businesses can have peace of mind about their survival.

U.S. District Judge Clarence Brimmer heard the request Thursday from the businesses, joined by the states of Montana and

Wyoming.

Their lawyers said action by Brimmer would prevent another federal judge, in Washington, D.C., from reinstituting the 2001 ban and creating economic uncertainty

The Clinton administration ban, to take effect last winter, was set aside in early 2003 by the National Park Service to settle a lawsuit filed by snownobile makers. Under the agreement, new rules were drafted to allow a limited number of snownobiles inside the parks.

Cross burning: Two teenagers accused of burning a cross in the front yard of a black family in Covington, Ky., pleaded guilty Thursday in federal court.

Matthew Scudder, 18, of Hebron, and James Foster, 19, of Independence, pleaded guilty to violating the family's civil rights, intimidating the family and to aiding and abet-

ting a juvenile involved in the crime.

The two face up to 10 years in prison at sentencing, scheduled for Dec. 16.

On July 2, the northern Kentucky family found a 3-foot-tall charred cross in its front yard in Burlington. The next morning, the windows were broken out of a family car.

Ocean City murders: Recently unsealed documents provide gruesome details about the husband and wife who murdered two Virginia tourists in Ocean City, Md., in 2002.

Erika Sifrit, who was convicted of first-degree murder, told the Secret Service that her husband, Benjamin, wanted to kill her parents, grandparents and a wealthy aunt, according to the documents, which were obtained by WBAL-TV.

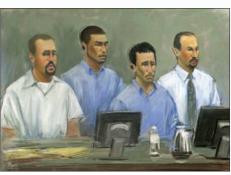
She said her husband hoped they would inherit the money and discussed meeting in Argentina.

Argentina.

Erika Sifrit portrayed her husband as mentally and physically abusive. She said after they were married for about a year, he wanted her to become pregnant. Documents show she carried his baby for nearly four months until he abruptly changed his mind and told her to "get an abortion or I'm going to dig it out of you."

In the recently released documents. Erika

Sifrit recounted how her husband ordered



Detroit terror trial: Karim Koubriti, far left, and Abdel-Ilah Elmardoudi, far right, shown in federal court in Detroit in 2003, had terrorism charges against them throw out Friday at the request of prosecutors, who said the prosecution was overzealous in trying to obtain a conviction in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. U.S. District Judge Cerald Rosen said the two, as well as Ahmed Hannan, second from right, must stand trial again on charges of document fraud. Farely All-Mainoud. Second from left, was acquitted on all charges.

the couple to get naked and asked them, "Do you want to die?" She also told investigators that she ordered her husband to shoot the couple, who had locked themselves in a bath-

A Montgomery County jury found Benjamin Sifrit guilty of second-degree murder in Crutchley's death but acquitted him of Ford's killing. Sifrit was sentenced to 38 years in prison in July 2003.

Michael Jackson case: Michael Jackson allegedly staved off a child molestation accusation in 1990 with a \$2 million payment to the son of an employee at his Neverland Ranch, according to a television report.

The television news magazine by "Dateline NBC," which reported the payment in a segment to be broad-

cast Friday night, did not disclose its source of information.

In the segment, retired Santa Barbara County Sheriff Jim Thomas, now an NBC news analyst, said his office investigated Jackson in 1993 in connection with one boy's claim and came upon the second accusation

ccusation.

The first boy report-

The first boy reportedly was paid \$15 million to \$20 million by Jackson to avoid charges the entertainer thought would damage his career even if proved untrue. Jackson has denied ever harming any child and is currently fighting charges he molested a how in 2003.

#### Business

California air pollution: Exxon Mobil Corp. paid \$8.25 million to Southern California air quality regulators to settle dozens of violations at two facilities in the Los Angeles basin, which has the worst air quality in the nation.

The payment Wednesday was the third-largest in the history of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, officials said.

Most of the violations at the company's Torrance refinery and Terminal Island facility involved the improper storage of diesel, rocket fuel, gasoline, and other substances that can contribute to smog, district spokesman Sam Atwood said. Carolin Keith, a spokeswoman for Irving, Texas-based Exxon Mobil, said the settlement was a way to "reach a common understanding on all regulations and requirements".

#### World

**Terror warnings:** The U.S. and Australian embassies in Jakarta, Indonesia, warned on Friday of possible terrorist attacks here and urged their citizens to exercise extreme cau-

tion in public places such as bars and hotels. The U.S. mission said its employees had been advised to avoid large hotels. It warmed other Americans in Indonesia to "observe vigilant personal security precautions, keep a low profile in public [and] vary their daily vertice?"

North Korean nukes: The United States, Japan and South Korea plan to discuss North Korea's nuclear weapons program this month in Tokyo, an official said Friday.

The allies will use the meeting, to be held in the first half of this month, to prepare for larger six-nation negotiations with North Korea, a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said on condition of anonymity.

Deputy Foreign Minister Mitoji Yabunaka, his South Korean counterpart Lee Soo-hyuck and U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly will hold two-day talks starting Sept. 9, Kyodo News agency cited ministry sources as saying.

Six-nation talks seeking to convince North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions were initially scheduled to take place by the end of September. But the talks were thrown into doubt after the North said earlier this month it won't attend preparatory meetings.

North Korea train accident: A North Korean elementary school and an agricultural college in Seoul that were destroyed in a deadly train blast in April have reopened in newly constructed buildings, North Korea said.

Opening ceremonies were held Wednesday at the two schools in Ryongchon, where train wagons at a railway station exploded on April 22, killing 160 people and injuring an estimated 1,300, according to some estimates. The blast was believed to have been sparked by a train laden with oil and chemicals that hit power lines.

Stories and photos from wire services

# Al-Sadr aide denounces two kidnappings

## Sheik Jaber al-Khafaji delivers appeal for release during sermon on al-Sadr's behalf

BY KIM HOUSEGO The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — An aide to radical Shilte cleric Muqtada al-Sadr denounced the kidnapping of two French journalists in Iraq and appealed for their release Friday in a sermon at a makeshift pulpit outside the revered mosque in Kufa as hundreds of worshippers held their first weekly prayers since last week's peace agreement.

Al-Sadr aides initially said the cleric planned to give the sermon at the Kufa mosque, which was

closed last week militants pulled out as part of the peace deal, but he abandoned the idea amid fears it could raise ten sions. Iraqi securi ty forces also sealed off roads and fired warning shots near the city seeking to limit the number of worship pers and avoid un-Sheik Jaher

al-Khafaji, delivering al-Sadr's sermon on his behalf, condemned the kidnapping of the two French journalists and urged in Riva

their quick release.
France said it had received
word that the captives, Christian
Chesnot and Georges Malbruno,
were alive and one of their employers claimed the kidnappers
had handed them over to a Sunni
Muslim onposition group.

Hopes for their release were raised further Friday when Abdul-Salam Al-Qubeisi, an official with the Association of Muslim Scholars — a Sunni clerical organization with alleged ties to insurgents — said the Frenchmen's lives were no longer threatened and it was only a matter of time before they would be freed.

Iraqi police and national guardsmen set up checkpoints, barring all cars from entering Kufa a week after al-Sadr and his al-Mahdi militia relinquished control of the city's revered shrine.

Ahmed al-Shaihani, an al-Sadr

Anmed al-shalbani, an al-sadr aide, accused police forces of arresting dozens of the cleric's followers in Kufa and the nearby city of Najaf

lowers in Kufa and the nearby city of Najaf. Nevertheless, about 2,000 followers of al-Sadr lined the street

members of

Muatada

al-Sadr's

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in front of the mosque, setting up a pulpit on the street.

Despite the deal peace Najaf, many memhers of al-Sadr's militia are thought to have returned with their weapons to their Baghdad stronghold of Sadr City and the clerrepresentatives and Irag's interim government have been seeking common ground to end fighting there.

MS 10 Also Friday, firedad. fighters battled a massive oil pipeline fire that raged in Riyadh about 40 miles south-

west of the northern city of Kirkuk, a day after saboteurs detonated explosives on the line linking fields near Kirkuk with the oil refinery of Beiji, said Maj. Gen. Anwar Mohammed Amin of the Iraqii National Guard. In other developments: —

In other developments: — Three Macedonian contractors disappeared in Iraq 10 days ago, a government spokesman in Skopje and their employers said Friday.

Iraqi officials have been unable



Supporters of rebel Shitte cleric Muqtada al-Sadr hold hands in solidarity as they offer prayer outside the Kufa mosque in Kufa, Iraq, Friday. Iraqi security forces fired warning shots and barred vehicle traffic leading to Kufa, fearing an outbreak of violence as hundreds of worshippers descended on the holy city for the first weekly prayers since al-Sadr refinguished control of its revered shrine under a peace deal.

to confirm whether they were kidnapped.

The U.S. military said two U.S. soldiers were wounded when they were hit by shrapnel when their convoy came under attack while on patrol near the city of Tikrit.

licemen and an Iranian they were escorting to the border to be deported after raiding their hotel room in the southern city of Basra, a senior Basra police official said on condition of anonymity. The official declined to provide details on why he was being deported, but linked the Iranian's deportation to the unrest in Najaf.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Pres

As of Thursday, Sept. 2, 976 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 730 died as a result of hostile action and 246 died of non-hostile causes.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 838 U.S. troops have died — 621 as a result of hostile action and 217 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers Thursday.

The latest deaths reported by the military

■ No deaths reported

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ No identifications reported.

# Samarra is latest no-go zone for U.S. troops

Iraqi officials discussing how to end standoff in troubled city

BY JIM KRANE

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Over the past few months, insurgents in Samarra have deposed the U.S.-picked leaders and put to death people suspected of collaborating with them, making the northern Iraqi city the latest no go zone for Iraqi and American troops.

With preparations beginning for Iraq's nationwide general election, scheduled for January, the attacks in Samarra and other cities where officials cannot safely travel could present a major barrier to carrying out a credible poll.

"It's true that we can't so into

Samarra very often," said U.S. Army Capt. Scott Synowiez, an intelligence officer at a 1st Infantry Division base on the outskirts of the city. "Whenever we go into Samarra we do get attacked, without a doubt"

But evidence suggests that the United States is taking a different approach from the devastating and politically damaging military assaults in Fallujah and Najaf, which had mixed results and may have attracted more Iraqis to the insurgents' cause.

The casualty-averse U.S. military — approaching 1,000 war dead — has little desire to expand the conflict.

On Saturday, Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and a group of 11 tribal sheiks and other prominent citizens began discussing the standoff.

The following day, the Muslim Clerics Association organized a

lecture in the city's great mosque that called upon insurgents to stop fighting inside the city. Though they have battled in Sa-

marra before, for now, U.S. troops are staying out of the city as negotiations continue.

"We've told them 'We're not going in until you guys have control of the situation.'" 1st Infantoriol of the situation.'" 1st Infantoriol

try spokesman Maj. Neal O'Brien said.
"There's a lot of be-

Interes maneuvering to resolve this thing peacefully." Allawi said Tuesday that he has begun negotiating with leaders in Samarra, as well as Fallujah and Ramadi, and was optimistic about reaching a deal with moderating a

fighters will have to be met with

force

If the Allawi government can't negotiate an end to the standoffs, U.S. Army officers say they recognize they may have to fight again.

Samarra, an ancient city of 250,000 known for its 9th century spiral minaret, is controlled by about 500 fighters from three well-known Sunni Muslim rebel groups, according to city residents and the U.S. military.

The guerrillas have also kidnapped and executed residents suspected of collaborating with the Americans

Video CDs purchased in Samarra show three local men confessing as American spies. The videos end with statements saying collaborators must be killed. The fate of the men is unknown. Similar CDs have been released in Fallujah, some of which culminate in savage beheadings of the kidnapped collaborators.

Still, locals in Samarra say support for the fiery insurgency is dwindling, especially after Aug. 14, when U.S. armored units fought insurgents on the city's edges for seven hours as warplanes bombed rebel positions.

Around 50 Iraqi fighters and civilians were killed and 13 homes destroyed in 22 separate battles, mainly with small pockets of insurgents, the Army and local residents said.

In Fallujah and Najaf, U.S. attempts to quell rebel uprisings led to huge battles that killed thousands and were eventually quelled by cease-fire agreements

# MIDEAST NOTEBOOK Lisa Burgess and Seth Robson

# SpongeBob, friends help keep helos flying

small good-luck charms on their dog tags or in their pockets, aircrews have their own talisman.

The air evacuation crew of the 45th Medical Company Air Ambulance, out of Ansbach, Germany, has a regular menagerie on board when they fly from their "Desert Dust Off" air base at Tal-

The pilot in charge, Capt. Gerald Bonner, has a SpongeBob Squarepants that his daughter Sara bought for him four years ago, when she was 12.

SpongeBob took his maiden flight with Bonner when the officer was assigned to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. Then came a tour in South Korea, and now SpongeBob is seeing action in Iraq, Bonner said

Also sitting in the cocknit of the crew's Black Hawk is 1st Lt. Jerry Murphy's Goofy doll, which his father, Jerry Murphy Sr., gave him with strict instruc tions to log flight hours and missions before sending Goofy home

And finally, poking his head out from medic Sgt. Reginald Jones' personal crew bag, is a small stuffed tiger.

The adorable, if dusty, toys seem surprising companions for battle-hardened air team. But whenever that Black Hawk goes wheels-up, SpongeBob, Goofy, and Tiger are present and ready for duty.

#### Hazards of smoking

Smoking can be dangerous as one hapless soldier found out recently at Camp Buehring, Ku-

#### A gift from the Yankees



Troops at Forward Operating Base O'Ryan, near Balad, Iraq, sport New York Yankees colors, thanks to a gift from the team. The base is home to the headquarters company of the New York National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment. The Yankees sent boxes of fan magazines and 800 baseball caps, enough for the 2-108 Infantry to share with FOB O'Ryan troops from the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment and the 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment - both based in Schweinfurt, Germany - and from the 141st Engineer Battalion of the North Dakota Army National Guard.

#### The soldier was standing next to a portable toilet enjoying a cigarette when he was rudely inter-

rupted by a flying soccer ball. He had not noticed that the portable toilet formed part of a goal being used by a group of soldiers

One of the players executed a perfectly timed strike between the portable toilet and a box of water bottles serving as the other

The ball sailed through the middle of the goal and struck the smoker square in the torso, sending the glowing ember he had been drawing on spiraling away

#### A little closer to home

Soldiers in the 299th Forward Support Battalion at Camp Anaconda. Iraq. now can look forward to breakfast, lunch and din-

In October, the soldiers will no longer need to take the mile-long walk to eat at a chow hall. That's when Dining Facility Five will open up, much to the relief of troops who before could have walked up to six miles a day to and from the chow hall

According to a 1st Infantry Division news release, the DFAC is the fifth on the base

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A stuffed tiger belonging to Sgt. Reginald Jones rides in the back of a helicopter as Jones' unit heads out on missions

## Marine convicted of abuse, but cleared in Iraq detainee death

BY SETH HETTENA The Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. Wearing a khaki-and-green uniform adorned with service a Marine reservist ribbons. stood without reaction as a military jury convicted him of dereliction of duty and abuse of prisoners at a makeshift detention camp in Iraq.

Marine Sgt. Gary Pittman was cleared of two other charges Thursday, including abusing a 52-year-old Iraqi man who died in custody.

He faces a maximum sentence of nine months in prison and a dishonorable discharge. Sentencing deliberations were scheduled to begin Friday

Pittman's wife cried as the nine-man jury's verdict was read following just four hours of deliberation. Pittman embraced his wife and attorney before leaving the courtroom accompanied by his brother, an Army major. He didn't stop to speak with reporters.

The 40-year-old reservist, who is a federal prison guard in New York in his civilian life. was activated last year and sent to Camp Whitehorse in southern

Pittman, who took the stand Wednesday to say he never assaulted a prisoner, was the only witness to testify that he never saw any abuses at the makeshift lockup that has since been

# Guardsman convicted of attempting to provide information to al-Qaida

BY MELANTHIA MITCHELL The Associated Press

FORT LEWIS, Wash. - A National Guardsman was convicted of what military officials said amounts to attempted treason for trying to aid al-Qaida, and a jury recommended he be sentenced to life in prison

The verdict in Spc. Ryan G. Anderson's court martial, which began Monday, was announced late Thursday afternoon. The sentence recommendation came early Friday.

Anderson, a tank crewman whose 81st Armor Brigade unit is now in Iraq, was accused of trying to give terrorists information about U.S. troops' strength and tactics. The terrorists he thought he was meeting with were actually undercover federal agents, prosecutors said.

The 27-year-old Muslim convert, who did not testify during the guilt phase of his trial, took the stand Thursday evening in the penalty phase and wept, apologizing to his country and his family.

"I would rather give my life" than do anything to discredit the military, he told the jury of nine commissioned officers from Fort Lewis. He said he felt 'really lousy" about his actions.

His mother, Linda Tucker, struggled to breathe and talk through her tears. Extending her arms in a plea to jurors, she said, "Honest to goodness, if you could just look under the surface of Ryan, you'd see that he's not a bad person."

His father, Bruce Anderson, also testified on his behalf in the penalty proceeding as defense lawyers projected photos of Rvan Anderson as a child and a

The jury deliberated about 41/2 hours Thursday before finding Anderson guilty. A two-thirds majority was needed to convict, but the vote was not an-

Jurors deliberated another 31/2 hours before recommending early Friday that Anderson be sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole and a dishonorable discharge. The post commander is expected to decide on a sentence in four to six months.

Life in prison would be the maximum penalty. Whatever his sentence, he will receive credit for his 203 days in jail at this Army post following his Feb. 12 arrest.

# **Hohenfels**' training unit to deploy to **Afghanistan**

Last deployment was in 1943

BY RICK EMERT Stars and Stripes

About 100 soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment's Company A from Hohenfels, Germany, will head to Afghanistan next week to provide security and support for that country's upcoming presidential elec-

It's the first time the unit has deployed since 1943, when 1-4 soldiers helped drive Japanese forces from the Aleutian Islands

The unit's infantrymen rarely deploy because of their vital role in training Army units in Europe, but they are ready to go, said Capt. Jacob Larkowich, commander of the 1-4's Company A.

Since 1990, the unit has been the opposing force at the Combat Maneuver Training Center, which lately has provided mission rehearsal training for U.S. Army units deploying to Afghanistan and Iraq

"I'm confident that the soldiers are ready to do any-Larkowich said in a telphone interview. "Al though they are designated OPFOR [opposing force] for units training here, they get the same training as other

While the battalion's soldiers and families don't expect to deploy, they know the possibility is there.

"The expectation is for us to be here training the force," said Staff Sgt. Steven Cornett, a squad leader in 2nd Platoon. "But we're a full-up infantry unit. If we are called, we go.'

The deployment may not have as much of an effect on the soldiers' families. The 1-4's soldiers typically live in the training center's "box" when other units come to train. Often, there are back-to-back training rotations. meaning 1-4 soldiers might see their families for only a couple of days over a few months, Larkowich said

"The families are taking it real well ... and the Family Readiness Group has been very active," he said. "These families are used to the soldiers being in the field and being gone a lot."

The soldiers, such as Pfc. Mark Drehobl, also seem to be taking it well

"I'm excited about going; I'll get to see more of the world," said Drehobl, a medic who will be going on his first deployment. "That's one of the reasons I requested being stationed overseas, to see the world."

Drehobl said he trained with the soldiers who are deploying, but also went through separate medical training with the element's other two medics who are deploying. The deployment training turned the tables on these soldiers who act as the "enemy" for units rotating through the center.

"The training was pretty challenging, but for us it was just seeing it from the other side," Cornett said. "We've all handled the OPFOR mission and understand that role. This was just reversing it.

"We were able to call up our knowledge of lessons learned from units rotating through, and that helped,' Cornett said.

And, although the training battalion is losing one of its companies on the deployment, three other companies re-main to train units at the CMTC, including the Southern European Task Force, which rotates through from Mon-

day through Oct. 13.

"Only one company is leaving, so CMTC will continue to provide its world-class OPFOR," said Maj. Mike Durham, 7th Army Training Command spokesman. "The training for SETAF and other units will not be diminished at all."

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#### La. base still hunting elusive tiger



LEESVILLE DAILY LEADER/A

Maj. Zane Jones, right, deputy provost marshall at Fort Polk, La., and Chief Deputy Calvin Turner of the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office, explain the target area where members of the Army and Exotic Animal Rescue Team would be focusing their search for a Bengal tiger which was seen on the base Monday evening. The Army doesn't know where the animal came from. The tiger is believed to be about one year old and 100 pounds. The Army has received about 15 reports of sightings, one near a golf course and another near a gas station.

# Katterbach soldier gets five years for drug possession, fleeing police

BY STEVE LIEWER Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany -- A Katterbach-based soldier who led German police on a high-speed chase after a botched drug sting in March was sentenced Thursday to five years in pris-

After hearing evidence for three days, a court-martial panel deliberat-ed five hours before convicting Sgt. Robert B. Clayton, 25, of the 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery, of eight offenses. The charges included possession and use of marijuana, destroying evidence, fleeing civil authorities, assault on a law enforcement officer, and operating a passenger wantonly or recklessly, said Maj. Shane Bartee, co-prosecutor in the

The jury acquitted Clayton on one charge of conspiracy to distribute mar-ijuana. Judge (Lt. Col.) Robin Hall also dismissed seven other charges either drug-related or connected to Clayton's alleged forgery of documents in a promotion packet — after defense attorneys argued the charges hadn't been proven, Bartee said.

Clayton's troubles began Aug. 26, 2003, when a soldier who shared a barracks bathroom with him saw what looked like marijuana in the room and called military police. Clayton apparently flushed the drugs down the toilet, Bartee said, but drug-sniffing dogs found evidence of the drug in his room and outside his window. He later failed a urinalysis test.

Already charged with these offenses, he got mixed up in another drug-related incident in March. Bartee said Another soldier, facing court-martial on his own drug charges, agreed with

Sgt. Clayton led police on a high-speed chase through Ansbach. ... When police cornered the car, he fled on foot, running through yards and leaping over fences.

German police in Ansbach to help on a drug sting with his alleged supplier, a German woman named Monica

The soldier agreed to meet McLemore in a parking lot, and she arrived in a car driven by Clayton. When a plain-clothes German policeman approached the car with his gun drawn to arrest her. Bartee said, Clayton sped off. He hit the policeman, who fired at the car's tire but missed

According to testimony from German police, Clayton led them on a high-speed chase through Ansbach's residential neighborhoods that eventually involved as many as 10 police

The police later found bags of mariiuana, psilocybin mushrooms and the party drug Ecstasy along the route, apparently thrown out the window by the fleeing couple. Eventually, police cornered the car

and nabbed McLemore, but Clayton fled, running through yards and leaping over fences, said his civilian attorney, David Court. He hid briefly in drainage ditch before being caught and arrested.

Court argued Clayton had innocently given a ride to his friend McLemore not knowing she had drugs in the car and drove off only because he feared a

After convicting Clayton of most of the remaining charges, the panel deliberated 21/2 hours Thursday morning before handing down his prison sentence, said Capt. Catherine Cunningham, the lead prosecutor.

Clayton also was reduced to the lowest enlisted rank, stripped of all pay during his prison term, and dishonorably discharged from the Army.

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# Joy and pain at return of Vietnam dog tags

# Woman has made it her mission to find old tags and track down owners

BY SANDRA JONTZ

A simple message left on Ken Archambault's answering machine one Saturday night a few years ago brought 34 years of suppressed war memories crashing back.

Someone was looking for the Ken Archambault who'd fought in Vietnam.

The caller found the right guy. She had something of his. More curious than stunned. Ar-

chambault called her back.
"I didn't know if it was a prank
call or what, but figured I'd give
her a call and see what happens.
She said she had my dog tags. She
read off my ID number. It was
right W3156095. That was me.

"I didn't remember losing them." He doesn't know if the tags really are those he wore during the

ly are those he wore during the war or if they're one of the countless fakes circulating in Vietnam, said Archambault, 57, of Brewster, Mass.

Nor does he care, he said.
"They've got my name on it, so
yeah, I guess I wanted them," he
said.

The caller's voice on his machine was that of Stacey Hansen, who four years ago was backpacking through Vietnam when she ran across some American G.I. dog tags. She had seen a few for sale at markets and little shops and asked if there were more.

She was brought to a what she thinks was a Vietnamese military building, where inside a glass case, she was shown hundreds. She bought all 566 of them, for

"Why did I do this? I think Vietnam vets got a really bad deal in the way they were treated when coming home," said the 35-year-old firefighter and paramedic in San Jose, Calif.

"Everyone knows it was a political war and politics are always going to surround war. But to me,



oto courtesy of Ken Archamba

Vietnam veteran Ken Archambauth holds a set of dog tags with his name and his identification number stamped on them that 35-year-old Stacey Hansen said she found while backpacking in Vetnam four years ago. A few years ago, Hansen called Archambauth, telling him she'd found his tags. "I didn't remember losing them," he said. Read or not, Archambauth said he wanted to have them.

it's so sad that there was no support for them when they came home," Hansen said.

"I'm not necessarily in favor of our guys being in Iraq, but I certainly wouldn't spit on them and call them names when they got the airport. [Vietnam vets] were made to feel shameful for going to war over there, and here I am thinking 'This doesn't compute. They're going over there to do what our country has asked them to do.'"

She returns to Vietnam next week in search of more tags. Then she will catalog what she finds, post the names on her Internet site, www.vietnamdogtags.com, and seek out owners or their fami-

es. It's an endeavor that consumes an average of three or four hours a day as she and her boyfriend work to track down vets and family members who might want to see the return of the tags.

But more harm than good could be coming for efforts like Hansen's, said Larry Greer, spokesman of the Pentagon's POW/Missing Personnel Office.

"We get reports from families, and we meet with them frequently, that they be been contacted by well-meaning people seeking to return dog tags of loved ones. For some, for most, it brings back hurtful memories," Greer said. "However, we have also had accounts of family members of servicemen, those missing in action or killed in action, and for some of those famil-

ly members they've expressed appreciation."

It was a surreal moment when Amanda Zucroff-Moore learned that her brother's dog tags were being returned to the family, she

"It was painful and wonderful, and while remembering him all over again is a joy, you're also remembering he's lost, and that is a stab to the heart again," said the 46-year-old, who lives in Alice, Texas.

Her memories of Lance Cpl. Steven Zucroff are "little girl memories" — she was 11 when her 21-year-old brother was killed in action in 1968 in Vietnam. "I remember he was tall, big, loving. I felt safe with him."

For years, there has been a cottage industry in Vietnam manufacturing G.I. dog tags, Greer said. "They're usually sold to Ameri-

"They're usually sold to American tourists with the pitch that We found these, and perhaps you'd want to find their owners or their families back in the U.S.," of displicate, because when American forces pulled out in the 190s, they often tossed dog tag stamping machines on the trash dumps. The blank metal was also tossed, or the enterprising Vietnamese craftsman could easily use metal of his

Hansen maintains that the nearly 1,000 tags she has are authentic. Her collection has grown because a man read about her project in the media and gave her some 300 he had, and she picks some up here and there in her travels. None are duplicates, she said, and no one has disputed the authenticity of the 310 she has returned. "I asked DOD for help and their

Tasked DOD for help and their fractsons the response was, They're all fake, stop doing this," Hansen said. "Then they turned around and in the same conversation asked me to box them up and send them and they would get all the tags to the family. I told them it has taken 30 years. If they haven't done it by now, they're not going to do it."

Of the 2.7 million men and women in the U.S. military who served in the designated war zone, 1,854 remain missing, Greer said. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in Washington lists the names of S8,178 Veterans who died or who seeming missing.

who remain missing.
"To date, in the nearly 30 years we've been investigating these reports, no one dog tag brought back by any tourist has been useful in determining the fate of a missing American," Greer said. "Most of those tags are not real. What we do know is real the pain this little exchange generates among the famichange generates among the fami-

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# Auditions to be held in Rota for roles in 'Deuce Bigalow' sequel

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain

— Think you ought to be in pictures? Or, perhaps, your son? Well, here's your chance.

Producers for the upcoming film "Deuce Bigalow 2: European Gigolo" are looking for a pair of 8-year-old boys to play a small part in the sequel, and they will be in Rota looking for budding stars. The movie also is looking for extrast o play the part of a surfer dude and a TV reporter.

Casting Marbella, an agency based in southern Spain, will hold a casting call at Hotel Playa de la Luz on Monday between 1 and 6 p.m., agency owner Marianne Nilsen said. The hotel is about two miles from the naval station's main gate. "They're looking for a kid who can really do the part," Nilsen said. "They will open and close the

The beginning and end of the movie is set in Malibu, Calif., but will be shot on the shores of southern Spain. Most of the film is in Amsterdam, where comedian and "Saturday Night Live" alum Rob Schneider is filming this month.

Casting directors are looking for two boys, one white and one black, around 8 years old who have an American accent, Nilsen said. The role of the TV reporter should have that "CNN kind of look," she

The movie begins with the two boys coming up to Deuce Bigalow, played by Schneider, on the beach. They ask him about a new shark repellent device that Bigalow has developed since retiring from his job as a "man-whore." In the script, Bigalow tells the boys he is now a "fish enthusiast." In the seguel to 1999 flick

In the sequel to 1999 flick, "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo," Schneider's character travels to Amsterdam, where the former fish tank cleaner finds himself forced into the male prostitute business.

The second movie, scheduled to be released next year, is expected to have the same crude jokes that made the first movie a hit. The first Deuce was rated "R."

Filming in southern Spain is set to begin later this month.

While the thrill of being in a movie might be worth landing the part, extras also will make between 500 and 1,000 euros for about two days' work, Nilsen said.

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Rob Schneider stars in 1999's "Deuce Biglaow: Male Gigolo." Producers filming "Deuce Bigalow 2: European Gigolo" will be in Rota, Spain, on Monday searching for extras for the sequel. They are looking for two boys around 8 years old, and extras to play a surfer and a TV reporter.

# Reserve pay problems eased, official says

ystemic pay problems that added to the hassle of mohilization for tens of thou sand of Army Reserve and National Guard members since 9/11 have largely been corrected and should not hit the next rotation of reserve forces into Iraq and Afghanistan, says a senior de-

fense pay official. Patrick T. Shine, director of military and civilian pay services for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Indianapolis, says the Army and DFAS have worked to end staffing shortages and processing errors that congressional auditors found to be widespread

and harmful to morale. The Government Accountability Office, in separate reports in November and July, found that more than 90 percent of soldiers in activated Army Guard and Reserve units they studied had experienced significant pay problems mostly overpayments but also un-

derpayments and delays. GAO said the errors "often had a profound adverse impact on individual soldiers and their families" and were not easy to correct, hanging over some reservists for

more than a year. Many soldiers said they had spent a considerable amount of their time while deployed, in remote and hostile environments, seeking help to understand their

tax exemptions on time. Shine, in a phone interview, said GAO correctly categorized three types of pay problems, involving staffing, processes and an obsolete pay system. The first two have been addressed, he said The third, replacing what Shine described as "a 1969-vintage COBAL software program" will take longer, until next March, to

install even a temporary fix. But Shine said real improvements in finance administration and pay processes - within units, at mobilization and demobilization sites and at DFAS — combined with other safeguards to ensure accuracy, should make the delay in overall pay system reform invisible to deploying forc-

He wants troops to know, he said, "that at the home station, at the mobilization site and when they're in-country, they are going to find trained finance people all along the way," Shine said.

GAO said reserve pay processes and controls for activated units were "inherently flawed." It criticized a lack of accountability over soldiers and their pay at almost every turn during mobilization. Sloppy procedures in documenting whether soldiers were still

Tom Philpott

The current Defense Joint Military Pay System (DJMS) actually is two systems, one for active-duty members and one for reserves. The reserve system, Shine said, "was designed just to pay people for weekend drills once a month and two weeks active-duty-for-training once a year." It can be used to pay activated forces. Shine said, but "it requires more manual intervention" which raises the risk of ermrs

Errors blossomed during early troop rotations into Afghanistan and Iraq in part because few reserve units arrived with finance teams trained to work their cumbersome pay system. Pay problems weren't prevalent for reserve forces sent to Rosnia and Kosovo because the Army used only two mobilization sites, both appropriately staffed. For Iraq, it needed 26 sites and didn't have enough reserve pay experts to support them all.

will combine into a single network all military pay and personnel systems, active and reserve. With that system still years away, DFAS and the services came up with an interim replacement for DJMS, enough to move to a combined active and reserve pay system. Called the Forward Compatible Payroll System, it will be implemented in phases, starting with Army Reserve components

next spring The third force rotation for Iraq will occur this fall, too soon to benefit from a new payroll sys tem. But Shine said mobilized units should see few pay problems because of more and better trained finance teams and greater care in verifying pay accuracy at every stage of mobilization.

DFAS also recently automated hazardous duty pay entries for activated personnel. This change alone will lower by 85 percent the number of manual pay transactions needed, saving the Army "hundreds of thousands inputs, Shine said.

Finally, rigid processes are in place to track Reserve and Guard members as they move in and out of combat zones, which trigger sharp changes in pay, a source of many earlier pay errors. DFAS is set to verify such pay changes, and will follow up with automated

Since last November, when GAO issued its first report on widespread pay problems in the Army National Guard, DFAS worked with the Navy, Air Force and Marines to verify the accuracy of pay for activated personnel. Some problems were uncovered but not near the scale of Army dif-

Shine advises all servicemembers to review leave and earnings statements routinely. If they find an irregularity, they should seek clarification through the chain of command.

If a pay problem persists, Army Reserve and National Guard members have a new option, mandated by Congress in the wake of the GAO reports. They or family members with powers of attorney can contact a pay ombudsman. The hot line for Army National Guard units is (877) 276-4729. Army reservists with persistent pay problems can call (608) 388-6466 or DSN 280-6466.

"I feel confident," said Shine, "that soldiers in OIF-3 [Operation Iraqi Freedom Three] will deploy under a completely different set of financial support circumstanc-es than their predecessors did in OIF-1 and 2

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A panoramic view of David Glasgow Farragut Elementary School at Naval Station Rota, Spain. The base in southern Spain will open its new, \$16.5 million elementary school Tuesday.

# State-of-the-art school set to open in Rota



Connie Thompson, a first-grade teacher, prepares a bulletin board for the first day of school at Naval Station Rota, Spain,

# Technology abounds as students ready to enter \$16.5M Farragut Elementary

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER Stare and Strings

NAVAL. STATION ROTA - The "media center" what older people might call a library - has more than two-dozen computers to compliment the hundreds of neatly stacked books.

Carpeted classrooms are wired for Internet and have wall-mounted satellite TVs. And rubberized playgrounds - when they are fin-- will make recess both fun and safe

No. this is not your mother's elementary school.

While students across Europe start this school year with new teachers and maybe some new books, elementary students in Rota are beginning classes in a new, \$16.5 million school. The

ents who grew up on chalk blackboards and ditto paper.

"It's beautiful." Principal Garv

Edsall said, sitting in a considerably larger office than his old one. "The kids are really excited. The community is really excited.

The teachers are thrilled, too. Getting ready for the upcoming school year in addition to moving into a new building has meant

some long hours for teachers and administrators. But teachers are eager for the first school bell to ring at the improved David Glasgow Farragut Elementary School. "It's like double-work this

year," first-grade teacher Connie Thompson said. "But it's really motivating. We're waking up early just anxious to get here

Teacher Beth Peris said the

ter than the old school in just about every aspect.

'If you look at what we had and what we have now, you can't compare," Peris said.

The old school was a network of buildings that served as wings for kindergarten through sixth grade. There were no hallways, only canopied sidewalks connect-ing the buildings to the gym and the cafeteria. The 45-year-old the cafeteria. The 45-year-old school had wiring and plumbing problems and several classrooms caught on fire two years ago. Plus, first-graders had to share the bathrooms with the high school students.

The new two-story school which will greet about 500 stu school. dents this year, puts the old school to shame.

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## Ribbon officially cut on new Lakenheath Middle

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will build its

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BY RON JENSEN

Stars and Stripes RAF FELTWELL, England -

A school requires more than mortar and brick, attractive classrooms and top-notch technology to complete its mission, speakers Friday

Lakenheath Middle School's new building was opened for the 2004-05

year The facility will welcome 707 students next week when the mission begins to prove that the \$26 milneeded to lion build the school was not spent in vain

"Now the hard work begins," said Linda Curtis, superintendent of the Isles District of Depart-ment of Defense Dependent Schools in Europe.

She and several other dignitaries spoke to a packed gymnasium of students, teachers and parents who cheered when the ribbon was cut by Janet Klinke, the school principal; Luke Jermy, the school's student council presi

dent; and Joseph Tafoya, director of the DOD Education Activity.

The old facility actually was several buildings, and students had to sometimes brave rain, wind or snow to move from one class to another.

"This is far

more than a build-

This is

said

Janet Klinke principal

Klinke

school. But she and others cautioned that a building is not enough. It requires the effort of teachers, staff students and parents to turn the



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Shannon Rushford, left, and Cassie Cook, members of Girl Scout Troop 33, present the flag Friday at a ceremony opening the new Lakenheath Middle School.

building into a real school

"We've got the building," Klinke said, "Now together we will build its educational legacy.

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# DOD plan focuses spending on troops, intel

BY THOMAS E. RICKS

WASHINGTON — Top Pentagon officials are considering a new, long-term strategy that shifts spending and resources away from large-scale warfare to build more agile, specialized forces for fighting guerrilla wars, confronting terrorism and handling less conventional threats, officials said Thursday.

The proposal, presented two weeks ago to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and others, could carry major implications for defense spending, eventually moving some funds away from ships, tanks and planes and toward troops, elite Special Operations forces and intelligence gathering. The shift has been building for some time, but the plan circulating at the Pentagon would accelerate the changes, analysts

The plan's working assumption is that the United States faces almost no serious conventional threats from traditional, state-based militaries. Thus, it says, the United States should accept more risk in that area to pay more attention to other threats: terrorism, the type of low-tech guerrilla fighting confronting troops in Iraq, and the possibility of dramatic technological advances by adversaries.

Some of those priorities depend more heavily on troop strength than high-tech weaponry and could increase the pressure on the Pentagon to build the size of the Army and the Marine Corps.

"The lesson learned in [Operation] Iraqi Freedom is that in some areas, we have capabilities overmatch," said Christopher "Ryan" Henry, the principal undersecretary of defense for policy, who wrote and presented the briefing to Rumsfeld on Aug. 19. "We can't see many competitors that are coming at us in the traditional do-

"In the business world, this is the equivalent of coming up with a new product in a new market," Henry added.

A copy of the slide presentation given to Rumsfeld was obtained by The Washington Post, after which officials agreed to discuss portions of it in interviews. The documents said Pentagon planning should emphasize preparing for "catastrophic" challenges such as use of weapons of mass destruction "against high-profile targets by terrorists or rogue states." It also cited the need to prepare for "irregular challenges" from other countries or groups, including terrorism, insurgency and civil war.

One example of the new thinking urged in the plan was what it called the "stretch goal" of being able to invade a country, keep 200,000 troops there for five years, and be able to organize, train and equip a local military force of 100,000 troops in just six months.

One senior officer who attended the mid-August briefing said it was received warmly by top Pentagon officials. "It generated intriguing discussion around the table and a positive endorsement of the concepts in the end." he said.

The discussion came as the Pentagon is gearing up for the major review of overall strategy that Congress requires every four

ears.

By itself, the document's assessment of

threats confronting the military is not controversial. The recent report of the Sept. 11 commission stated the issue clearly: "National security used to be considered by studying foreign frontiers, weighing opposing groups of states, and measuring industrial might. To be dangerous, an enemy had to muster large armies."

Outside experts on military change and strategy were skeptical about whether Rumsfeld would be able to secure sweeping change in philosophy.

"It's a step in the right direction," said Andrew Krepinevich, executive director of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, a defense-oriented think tank. But, he said, the uniformed leadership at the Pentagon sometimes simply stalls on embracing radical change until the civilian

defense secretary promoting it leaves.

"Rumsfeld has been trying for three years now to refocus the services on the new challenges confronting us," Krepinevich said.

"So far, these efforts have met with little success. How much more likely is Rumsfeld to succeed this time around when the military has a major war on its hands?"



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From left, Diane Ohman, superintendent of Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Europe; Janet Klinke, principal of Lakenheath Middle School; and Joseph Tafoya, director of the Department of Defense Education Activity. Check out the new Lakenheath Middle School;

# Lakenheath: New \$26M middle school opens

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Prior to the ceremony, Klinke led a tour of the building for distinguished visitors, pointing out the highlights as she went up and down the halls.

Every classroom has an interactive white board, which acts as a giant computer screen. And the energy-efficient lighting dims automatically on bright days and increases intensity on dark days.

The hallways are wide and the storage space is a major expansion from the old facility.

From the computer lab to the music room, Klinke was enthusiastic in her description. "We worked with the specialist in each area to design that area,"

she told her visitors.

Tafoya, who said he has visited all 221 of the DOD's schools, told the audience that the quality of a student's education should not be

dependent on where the sponsor is stationed.
"Our military kids deserve the best we can give them," he said.

Diane Ohman, superintendent of DODDS-Europe, told the students how lucky they are to attend a new school

tend a new school.

"You need to treat it with respect," she said.

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# **Rota:** Staff ready to get started

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Rays of sunlight peaking through a line of windows at the top of the tall ceilings illuminate the wide hallways. All 22 classrooms have at least four Internet hook-ups, and each has a TV, a sink and a wall full of extra storage space. Outside the classrooms, there is a locker for each student.

The gym has a regulation-sized basketball court and offices for the physical education instructors "And it's only for the elementary," Edsall said,

"And it's only for the elementary," Edsall said, beaming. Although the school is ready for students, construc-

tions workers are putting the finishing touches on the project.

Teachers are working 12- to 13-hour days every day

to make sure they're ready for classes.

"They're tired," Edsall said. "But they will have it ready."

Rear Adm. Stanley Bozin, commander of Navy Region Europe, will join students, teachers, parents and Spanish Navy guests to celebrate the first day of school and the opening of the new campus Tuesday.





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Above: Building contractors walk through a hallway at the new David Glasgow Farragut Elementary School at Naval Station Rota, Spain. The Navy base in southern Spain will open its new, \$16.5 million elementary school Tuesday.

Left: A Spanish worker cleans the new rubberized playground, one of many features of the new school that students will be looking forward to.



## IN THE STATES

# **Nominees trade post-convention barbs**

# Bush tells GOP faithful U.S., world 'safer' now

By TOM RAIIM The Associated Press

NEW YORK - President Bush pledged "a safer world and a more hopeful America" as he accepted his party's nomination for a second term and plunged into the final two months of his re-election campaign. He promptly drew fire Fri-day from Democratic challenger John Kerry, who said Bush is

"unfit to lead this country." In the city that transformed his presidency three Septembers ago, Bush declared to a raucous Republican convention crowd: "We have fought the terrorists across the earth - not for pride, not for power, but because the lives of our citizens are at stake. ... We have led, many have joined, and America and the world are safer

Bush wasted no time in getting back on the campaign trail, leaving New York soon after his hourlong speech Thursday night for Pennsylvania. He spoke at a Friday morning rally in Moosic; stops later in the day in Wisconsin and Iowa also were scheduled.

With the economy figuring heavily in the campaign, new unemployment figures out Friday showed the nation's jobless rate dipping slightly to 5.4 percent as the economy added 144,000 jobs in August. slightly less than economists were forecasting but still the biggest

"Overall, we've added about 1.7 million jobs since August 2003. The unemployment rate is down to 5.4 percent," Bush said, "That's nearly a full point below the rate last summer and below the average of the 1970s and 1980s and 1990s."

At the Republican convention Bush stood a few miles from where two hijacked planes destroyed the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, to make a nationally broadcast appeal to Americans for another term. "In the last four years, you and I have come to know each other. Even when we don't agree, at least you know what I believe and where I stand," he said.

He boasted of first-term accomplishments, outlined plans for a second-term agenda and criticized Kerry on both domestic and foreign policy counts.

"Voters will make a choice based on the records we have built. the convictions we hold and the vision that guides us forward." Bush said, standing alone on an elevated theater-in-the-round platform in Madison Square Garden.

Bush also unapologetically defended his decision to invade Afghanistan and Iraq

"Because we acted to defend our country, the murderous regimes of Saddam Hussein and the Taliban are history, more than 50 million people have been liberated, and democracy is coming to the broader Middle East," the president said.

Polls show the nation deeply divided on the wisdom of going to war with Iraq, where violence continues despite a turnover of control in June to an Iraqi interim government and as the U.S. death toll there is fast approaching 1,000.



President Bush and first lady Laura Bush greet a crowd Friday in Moosic, Pa. Bush lost Pennsylvania in 2000, so it was his first stop after accepting the Republican Party's nomination Thursday night in New York.

# Kerry: 1st term is 'record of failure'

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE The Associated Press

NEWARK, Ohio - Democrat John Kerry cited new government figures Friday showing fewer jobs created than expected as another example of what he called President Bush's "record of failure

"I don't think this is something to celebrate. I think it's something to get to work on," Kerry said to a small group gathered at in Mark and Debbie Bickle's front yard

Ohio's unemployment rate has been running higher than the national average since early this year. Both campaigns have repeatedly visited the state in a fierce fight for its 20 electoral votes

"The president wants you to re-elect him. For what?" Kerry said. "Losing jobs? Building the biggest deficit in American history? Getting us into a war that you spent \$200 billion on when he told you it would cost you \$1 billion?"

Kerry spoke at a midnight rally in Springfield as Bush closed the GOP convention in New York with his acceptance speech. Kerry said the president was "unfit to lead this nation" because of the war in Iraq and his record on jobs, health

care and energy prices He also lashed out at Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney for



Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry sought to counter GOP attacks Friday in Springfield, Ohio.

not serving in Vietnam during the war and for comments made during the convention about Kerry's fitness to be president.

"I will not have my commitment to defend this country questioned by those who refused when they could have and who mis-led America into Iraq," Kerry told thousands at the rally

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#### Franks: Bush is "the real thing"

NEW YORK - In a rousing warmup for President Bush, retired Gen. Tommy Franks on Thursday called his commander in chief "the real thing," a man who has the "courage and consistency" needed to lead America in the fight against terrorism.

"Citizens and friends, I've been with this president in tough, uncertain times," Franks, former commander of forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, said at the Repub-lican National Convention, "George W. Bush is the real thing. He is the real thing.

"Terrorists have been killing Americans for more than two decades," said Franks. "I am proud that this president has chosen to make a stand.

Franks, who grew up in Midland, Texas, has raised his public profile as he promotes his just-published memoirs, "American Soldier."

More than a dozen other retired generals and admirals also appeared, among them retired Gen. P.X. Kelley, former U.S. Marine Corps commandant.

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# **Bush tries to refocus campaign**

BY RON FOURNIER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - An unpopular war and 1.1 million lost jobs is enough to kill a presidency, so President Bush tried Thursday night to make the election about omething else: himself and his leadership style.

"Even when we don't agree." he told an anxious and divided nation, "you know what I believe and where I stand.

He sought to make a virtue of his differences with half or more of the electorate, and cast Democratic rival John Kerry as an indecisive liberal unfit for wartime leadership.

"One thing I have learned about the presidency is that whatever shortcomings you have, peo-ple are going to notice them," the president said, "and whatever strengths you have, you're going to need them."

Reluctant to admit mistakes Bush copped to a few - arrogant, too blunt and grammatically chal-

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didn't give an inch on the matters that matter most: a war in Iraq that has cost the lives of nearly 1,000 U.S. troops, and a job-loss record that rivals Herbert Hoover

These two issues are fueling a sense of unease among voters. with nearly 60 percent saying the nation is headed in the wrong direction. Bush's big challenge was making Americans feel better about the course of their nation and the politics of their president, a task he tackled with a star-snangled political convention near Ground Zero, site of the nation's deadliest attack and a symbol of his wartime leadership.

Kerry said voters won't buv it. "If you believe this country is heading in the right direction, you should support George Bush," the Democrat said from Ohio, the most bitterly fought state battleground, "But if you believe America needs to move in a new direc-

Stick with me, Bush said. By a

decreased the threat of terrorism, and a solid majority don't think Bush has a clear plan for ending it. He offered none in the speech. promising to bring troops home 'as soon as possible," when Iraq is secure and democratic. Then he set about suggesting that Kerry would make a different choice. The idea is to make people afraid to change, even as

they're craving it. Standing on a presidential seal, with a golden eagle's wings spreading across a deep blue carpet. Bush basked in presidential gravitas - something a challeng-

On the domestic front, Bush aid, "We've seen an economy rise to its feet" and ticked off a laundry list of small-bore initiatives to keep it rising. He promised more money to train workers and for community colleges and more economic zones offering tax relief to the poorest areas.

He'll simplify the tax code (who wouldn't?) and put health centers in every poor county (why not?), but he didn't say how

overs from his first term: health savings accounts and allowing workers to privatize parts their Social Security.

After months of courting con-

servatives, Bush dusted off his four-year-old "compassionate slogan and a conservative" poll-tested agenda to boot. Voters will decide if he deliv-

ered, but that may not be the point. If Bush has his way, the election won't be about the issues, but the quality of men pushing

He's playing to his strength. Bush's ratings on personality issues such as leadership and likability are high, even among skeptical swing voters.

"Two months from today, voters will make a choice based on the records we have built, the convictions we hold and the vision that guides us forward," the president said. "A presidential election is a contest for the future. Tonight I will tell you where I stand, what I believe, and where I will lead this country in the next four

If an anxious nation gives him the chance.

# **Families** first in New York

BY ANNE GEARAN The Associated Pres

NEW YORK — With patrician mannerisms and that instantly recognizable jawline, father George 41, son George 43 and some 80 other Bush relatives were proof this week that politics is the family business of a large and far-flung dynasty.

There are fewer Chenevs, but

all of the vice president's immediate family was on hand for the Republican convention - even an

8-week-old grandson. For the big finale Thursday, three generations of each clan were onstage as President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney accepted the party nomination.

The tableau was scripted down to first daughter Jenna Bush's teasing references to family disciplinarian Ganny, known to non-Bushes as former first lady Barbara Bush.

Twins Jenna and Barbara Bush, 22 and fresh out of college, represented the full flowering of am Bush.

Until now, the twins were seen rarely and heard never, and strictoff-limits for the press. The pair had daily campaign events at the convention, although the reviews weren't all good for a giggly stand-up routine introducing their mother in prime time Tues-

day.
"I was actually very proud of my nieces," Doro Bush Koch, President Bush's sister, told The Associated Press this week. The twins "really just want to be young girls, be with their friends and move on with their lives, but because they love their mother so much they stood up."

Doro and Barbara Bush the elder made the rounds of Republican women's events, press interviews and other appearances this week, as did Lynne and daughter Liz Cheney. Less visible but here nonetheless were the president's brothers Neil and Marvin and their wives

With all that love in the air, the

few missing faces stood out. Mary Cheney, the vice president's lesbian daughter, did not join her sister and the rest of her

family in the hall Thursday night. On Wednesday night, Mary had sat beside her lesbian partner in the family box to hear her father's acceptance speech, but did not appear with the rest of the family afterward for smiles and waves on stage.

They gay couple simply left after the speech, and it was not clear whether they jumped out of the more visible onstage family picture or they were pushed.

Also absent this week was Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who may have stayed away to avoid stoking rumors of a presidential run in 2008. The Bush campaign said Jeb needed to tend to the aftermath of Hurricane Charley.

Even if Jeb had been here, he probably would have returned to Florida before his brother's acceptance speech Thursday. Hurricane Frances is expected to hit Florida on Saturday and Jeb Bush has called out the National



A protester is escorted off the convention floor on the final night of the Republican National Convention on Thursday in New York.

# Long week ends for anti-Bush protesters

BY MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN the protesters alleged that people

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - A week of rallies, marches and nearly 1,800 arrests left anti-Bush protesters drained and the city refuting allegations that demonstrators were held too long in police custody.

Protesters gave the Republicans a mostly mellow send-off Thursday following days of rowdier demonstrations. A noisy but nonviolent group gathered outside the convention site, and a candlelight vigil in Union Square later turned into a late-night march

Some protesters spent almost three days in lockups, and city officials blamed delays on the sheer number of arrests. Lawvers for

were detained to keep them off the streets during the president's speech, a charge the police denartment denied

But all of the protesters - except six who were arrested on the convention floor - were freed by late Thursday after a Manhattan iudge ordered their release and imposed a fine of \$1,000 for every protester held past his declared 5 p.m. deadline.

The judge, State Supreme Court Justice John Cataldo, did not revisit the issue of the fines after the protesters had been released

City Corporation Michael Cardozo called the fines unwarranted, and said the city would consider its legal options when the fines are assessed

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# **Weaker Frances still dangerous for Fla.**



Hurricane Frances approaches Florida's coast as shown in a satellite image taken Friday morning.

## 2.5 million people told to evacuate as storm nears

BY BRENDAN FARRINGTON

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Fla. - Florida residents and tourists fled the Atlantic coast by the thousands Friday as Hurricane Frances - weakened but still dangerous - wobbled toward the state.

Winds and waves started picking up along the shore by midday.

The storm's core was expected to hit somewhere on the Florida coast on Saturday afternoon or evening, hours later than had been predicted. It would be the state's second pummeling by a major hurricane in three weeks, and an estimated 2.5 million people were told to evacuate.

Moving through the Bahamas on Friday, Frances weakened but remained a strong Category 3 storm, with 115 mph winds at late morning, down from 120 mph earlier in the day and 145 mph Thursday.

But forecasters said they couldn't rule out its strengthening again before striking Florida. And they said it still could push ashore waves up to 10 feet high and dump 10 to 20 inches of rain, meaning deadly flooding was possible in a state with hundreds of miles of coastline

Gov. Jeb Bush said Friday that he hoped people weren't comforted by the lower wind speed. "The storm is very unpredictable," he warned. "... We still don't know exactly where landfall will be."

At 11 a m EDT the hurricane was over the Baha mas, centered about 220 miles east-southeast of West Palm Beach, and was moving northwest near 9 mph. Hurricane-force winds extended up to 85 miles from its center.

The delayed arrival allowed more time for preparations but frayed nerves, as well.

With its imposing size - a cloud cover about as big as Texas - and slow movement, Frances had devastating potential even if its winds don't regain their former speed. The slower the storm moves, the longer its winds and rain could linger, forecasters

Three weeks ago, on Aug. 13, Hurricane Charley struck Florida's southwestern coast and tore across the state. With sustained winds of 145 mph, it caused billions of dollars in damage to homes, knocked out power to hundreds of thousands and killed 27 neonle

Two major hurricanes — defined as having sustained winds of at least 111 mph — have not struck Florida so close together since 1950.

In the Bahamas, fearful residents in the biggest cities boarded their homes, then hunkered down inside or fled to shelters.

For Florida, the hurricane warning covered most of the state's eastern coast, from Florida City, near the state's southern tip, to Flagler Beach, north of Daytona Beach, and a watch was added to Fernandina Beach, at the Georgia line

## Navy evacuates Jacksonville

BY SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Stripes

The U.S. Navy began evacuating personnel and repositioning much of its aircraft from Naval Air Station Jacksonville as Hurricane Frances harreled toward the Florida coast, the second major storm to threaten the state in three weeks.

Navy officials started the evacuation late Thursday, repositioning P-3 Orion aircraft from NAS Jacksonville and flying them to Fort Worth, Texas; Norfolk, Va.; and McConnell Air Force base in Kansas, according to a press release.

"The type of aircraft determines where they go, and these are existing agreements we have with the various bases," NAS Jacksonville spokesman Bill Dougherty said. "Our goal is put them in a location that is away from the severe weather.

The base's S-3 Vikings left Friday for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; and Naval Air Station North Island, Calif. The SH-60 Sea Hawk helicopters left Friday for Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.: Norfolk and Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.

Also, two logistics transporter C-40 Clipper, the military version of the large Boeing 737, left for Dallas and Norfolk, with a third flying to Rota, Spain, though that aircraft was making its normal run overseas, Dougherty said.

On the opposite side of the peninsula, Central Command and MacDill Air Force base also were taking precautionary measures, though there were no plans to evacuate the base as officials had done three weeks ago when Hurricane Charley hit. Charley missed the base, making landfall further south than predicted.

are better refined from the recent practice we learned from Charley and we have a better collective appreciation of the power of a hurricane," said Central Command spokesman Maj. Matt McLaugh-"People are taking it very seri-

"Our preparation procedures

ously, especially in light of the tragic loss of life in central Florida three weeks ago.'

Hurricane Charley killed 27

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#### Ga. residents stock up in case hurricane strikes

TYBEE ISLAND, Ga. — With Hurricane Frances too close and too powerful to ignore, residents of coastal Georgia — where no major hurricane has hit in more than a century — hedged their bets, stocking up on supplies and booking inland hotel rooms.

Gov. Sonny Perdue ordered a pre-emptive state of emergency throughout Georgia. The 100-mile coastline remained a possible target for the hurricane should it veer from its forecast path into Florida, where massive evacuations were already under way. Even if it makes landfall in Florida, however, its trek was expected to bring rain to the Southeast by Tuesday.

No evacuations had been ordered by midmorning Friday.

In the meantime, the state focused on handling the influx of Floridians. Interstate 75 resembled a parking lot at the Florida line, and state troopers planned to reroute some traffic onto a state highway. Along the coast, I-95 was moving more steadily but was still heavy, and most area rest stops were full. Officers were telling mo-torists asleep in their cars alongside the highway to move along, State Patrol dispatcher Renee Easterling said. Even before dawn, gas stations in Brunswick were packed, she said.

# Former President Clinton enters hospital for heart bypass surgery

BY TOM HAYS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Former President Bill Clinton will undergo heart bypass surgery after complaining of mild chest pain and shortness of breath, his office said Friday.

Clinton was being admitted to New York Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia, a statement said. He had seen a doctor first on Thursday, and additional tests Friday revealed the need for the surgery, it said.

Clinton canceled a two-day joint trip with his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, across upstate New York

The senator and the couple's

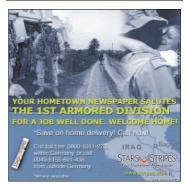
the former president in New York City, the statement said. Clinton, 58, had a cancerous

growth removed from his back shortly after leaving office in early 2001. It turned out to be basal cell carcinoma, the most treatable form of skin cancer. In 1996, he had had a precancerous lesion removed from his nose and a year before that had a benign cyst taken off his chest.

In Little Rock, Arkansas, Clin-on's mother-in-law, Dorothy Rodham, said Clinton had called her to tell her about his chest pains. "He sounded wonderful as usual and very upbeat as he always is," she said. "I just told him how much I love him."

An angiogram given to Clinton revealed "significant blockage," said a Democratic official, who had discussed the condition with the former president's staff. It did not appear that Clinton suffered a heart attack the source said on condition of anonymity.

The statement by Clinton's office said the former president "went to Northern Westchester Hospital yesterday afternoon after experiencing mild chest pain and shortness of breath. Initial testing was normal and he spent the night at home in nearby Chappaqua, New York. After un-dergoing additional testing this morning at Westchester Medical Center, doctors advised he should undergo bypass surgery.



## IN THE WORLD

# Russians storm school held by rebels

## Death toll rises to more than 200, officials say

The Associated Press

BESLAN, Russia - Commandos stormed a school Friday in southern Russia and battled separatist rebels holding hundreds of hostages, as crying children, some naked and covered in blood, fled through explosions and gunfire Estimates of the number of dead were as high as 200.

The hostage-takers, who had been demanding independence for Chechnya, fled the assault took refuge in a nearby house and a basement in the school compound and traded fire with security forces. After about 12 hours, the Russian government said resistance had ended, though four others were still being sought

Twenty militants were killed. including 10 Arabs, officials said, and there were reports of three ar-

Lines of dead children and

adults could be seen lying on stretchers, covered with white sheets. Grieving parents and loved ones knelt beside the dead

Bodies of children also were laid out under a grove of trees near a hospital awaiting identification. Nearby anxious crowds gath-ered around lists of injured posted on the walls of the hospital build-

The Arab presence among the attackers would support President Vladimir Putin's contention that al-Oaida terrorists were involved in the Chechen conflict, where Muslim fighters have been battling Russian forces in a brutal war of independence on and off since the early 1990s.

Security sources al-Qaida of financing the takeover of the school and said Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev masterminded the raid, the ITAR-Tass new agency reported. The report also said an alleged al-Qaida operative, Abu Omar as-Saif, coordinated the financing of the attack.

Officials at the crisis headquarters said 95 victims have been identified so far. Health Ministry officials said the total death toll was more than 200, the Interfax news agency reported.

Emergency Situations Ministry officials said 704 people were hos pitalized, many badly burned.

Officials said security forces had not planned to assault the school, where the militants had been holding hostages - up to 1,500 of them, according to one freed captive - in the gymnasium since Wednesday morning. But the troops' hand was forced when the militants set off explosions and began shooting Friday afternoon, officials said.

A police explosives expert told NTV television that the commandos stormed the building after bombs wired to basketball hoops exploded in the gymnasium. A cap-



A man carries an injured child who escaped from a seized school in North Ossetia, Russia, on Friday. Commandos on Friday stormed the school, where hundreds of hostages had been held for three days. More than 700 people were wounded in the assault.

BY JOCELYN GECKER The Associated Press

PARIS — World leaders ex-pressed horror over the bloody climax of Russia's hostage crisis Friday, saying the barbaric attack on school children showed terrorists Gerhard Schroeder. have sunk to new lows, and some experts warned that Russia's

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U.S. President George W. Bush shock poured in from capitals worldwide.

speaking on behalf of the Europe an Union

outside the school in Beslan, Rus- ted the violence and bloodshed.

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World leaders react to Russia crisis

rorism," said German Chancellor the EU would continue to push for There are no reasons imagin- ing able that could justify taking chil-

Chechnya conflict was becoming dren, toddlers, babies and their ran Persson said the "evil deed" the next crossroads of internation- mothers hostages," said German of targeting children would bring at terrorism.

Foreign Minister Joschka Fis- the international community to-

U.S. President George W. Bush From the Middle East, several called the siege "another grim re- leaders cabled Putin to convey "We have been confronted with minder of the length to which ter- condolences and denounce the a deep human tragedy," said rorists will go to threaten this civi- hostage-takers.

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However, the 25-nation bloc unworld, and bloodied figures were derstood that Russian authorities seen wheeled away on stretchers, had few options, Bot said. He said many decried the violence as hei-the tragedy highlighted the need for Russia to end the long-stand-"This is a new dimension of ter- ing conflict in Chechnya and that a peaceful resolution to the fight-

Swedish Prime Minister Goe-

Lehanese President Emile The European Union directed Lahoud said Beirut "denounces veiled criticism at Russia's han-all forms of terror, especially that As images of wailing mothers dling of the crisis, saying it regret- which threatens the lives of children and innocents

tive who escaped the school told NTV television that a suicide bomber blew herself up.

Troops were engaged in "fierce fighting" for hours with militants. who still held some hostages, said Valery Andreyev, the regional Fed-eral Security Service chief. Three militants reportedly barricaded themselves in the basement.

Soon after nightfall, a large explosion issued from the school and officials at the crisis operations center said later that resistance was over. They said four militants remained at large, but it was not clear if they held any more hos-tages. Channel One TV reported three militants were arrested after trying to escape in civilian dress.

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A hostage who escaped told Associated Press Television News that the militants numbered 28, including women wearing camou flage uniforms. The hostage, who identified himself only as Teimuraz, said the militants began wiring the school with explosives as soon as they took control. He said they had placed bombs on both basketball hoops in the gym.

The militants stormed the school in Beslan on Wednesday morning and kept the hundreds of children along with parents who had been bringing them for the first day of school and other adults in the sweltering gymnasium, refusing to allow deliveries of food and water.

# Libya, Germany sign disco bombing settlement

BY KHALED AL-DEEB The Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya - Libya signed an agreement to pay \$35 million in compensation for non-U.S. victims in the 1986 bombing of disco in Berlin, the latest step in Libya's attempts to put its international pariah status The money will be distributed among 168

claimants: Germans who were wounded or suffered psychological damage and family of a Turkish woman killed in the blast. The April 5, 1986 bombing of the La Belle discotheque in west Berlin also killed two U.S. servicemen and wounded at total of 230 neonle

Lawyers are seeking separate compensation in U.S. courts for American victims.

An executive of a foundation run by Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's son signed the agreement with German lawvers representing the families of the victims.

managed to overcome all the obstacles," Ali Abdel Salam, the executive manager of the Libvan foundation, said a a news conference following the signing.

> 44 The negotiations were very hard but we managed to overcome all the obstacles.

Ali Abdel Salam, executive manager of Libyan foundation

on the cit. ies of Tripoli and with the Libyans said through a translator

Schroeder would visit soon.

Benghazi, citing evidence that Libya was involved. Libya says 41 people died and 226

"This is a happy day for the victims who were waiting all those years to get their comwere injured in the strikes. The compensation will be paid within six ing was organized by the Libyan secret ser-After the compensation deal was first an-

A Berlin court ruled in 2001 that the bombvice and aided by the Libyan Embassy in then-communist East Berlin. It convicted

ment said that it hoped to improve relations

with Libva and that Chancellor Gerhard

After the disco bombing, then-U.S. Presi-

While the Gadhafi International Associaon for Charitable Organizations, headed by Gadhafi's son Seif el-Islam, is not formally part of the government, it clearly acts on the government's behalf.

Earlier this year, the foundation signed a \$170 million compensation accord with families of the 170 people who died in the 1989 bombing of a French jetliner.

Libyan also has acknowledged responsibility and agreed to pay compensation for the bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988 that killed 270 people. And it has agreed to dismantle its programs for weapons of mass destruction and allow U.N., American and British inspectors to visit the facilities

The United States announced in June it was resuming direct diplomatic ties with

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Left: Lillian Landrigan, right, fills a cavity in Doug Stewart's tooth with the help of assistant Star Mathews at the Petro Truck Stop Plaza. Landrigan had a practice in nearby Germantown, Tenn, and did a six-month stint in Iraq before opening the truck-stop practice.

Right: Truck driver Robert Kuffler of Louisians returns to his rig after an emergency tooth extraction by Landrigan at the Petro Truck Stop Plaza.

# Back from Iraq, dentist opens shop at truck stop

By Maria Burnham The (Memphis, Tenn.) Commercial Appeal

MEMPHIS — Dave McIntosh pulled his rig into the Petro truck stop and saw a sign he'd been aching to see for a long time: "Den-

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The dentist is Lillian Landrigan, and she opened her truck-stop dentistry about six weeks ago. Her hours are officially 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but if she's needed she will rush from her home after hours and on weekends.

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"For us, that's very convenient," said Knoxville-based McIntosh, who has had a couple of teeth pulled and a partial reconstructed.

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"That's a real handy thing, that you can have someone you can go to any time during the day.

"When you find out you're headed her way, you can give her a call and she fits you in. She works with us instead of trying to make us work her way, and that makes a big difference."

Opening a dental office that caters to truck drivers meant changing the traditional way such offices operate, Landrigan said.

Her schedule had to be more flexible, and the old system of an examination one visit and treatment the next had to be thrown

She also had to throw out the gas. Rendering a driver unconscious for a procedure and then sending him off in a tractor-trailer is generally not a good idea, she caid.

said.
This is Landrigan's second practice. She had an office in the area for more than a decade. But in

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1999 she decided to join the Army full time, after serving in the Reserve for 14 years.

She served as a dentist for the Army and was sent to Iraq at the end of last year.

After returning, she opened the truck-stop location.

"I think it's a good business plan," Landrigan said. "Most truckers have excellent dental plans but are unable to take advantage of them because they are unable to stay at home."

Her two-person operation (she has one employee, Star Mathews) and new technology means she is able to keep overhead costs down. She uses a digital X-ray machine, which means there is no processing time, and insurance claims can be filed on secure sites over the Internet.

"The expense of dentistry is the time it takes you to do it and the number of people you have to employ," Landrigan said. But even with her small office and time-saving equipment, she doesn't expect to start seeing significant profits for five to six years. Still, she is encouraged by the amount of walk-in traffic and regular customers she's seeing.

Her clients are mostly truckers, but Landrigan said some of her old patients have followed her.

She also is seeing a good number of local residents and those in the service industry who, like truckers, find it difficult to visit dentists with traditional practices. "I believe in this," Landrigan

said. "I hope it's going to work."

Most of her patients have not received dental care recently, she said. She does some routine cleanings, but mostly the patients are in

some sort of pain.

Landrigan isn't the first dentist to think of opening a practice in a truck stop. There are a few scattered around the country. But it is

not yet the norm, either.

"This is kind of unique," she said. "A wave of the future."

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## Don't rush into repair work

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — When your home is damaged by a natural disaster, temper the impulse to rush into repair work. The Federal Trade Commission and the American Red Cross offer this advice on choosing a contractor:

- Deal only with licensed and insured contractors, screen candidates and check references.
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   Ask to see proof of necessary licenses, building permits and a
- certificate of insurance.

  Be wary of contractors claiming immediate or extremely
- If unsolicited contractors visit your home to offer services,

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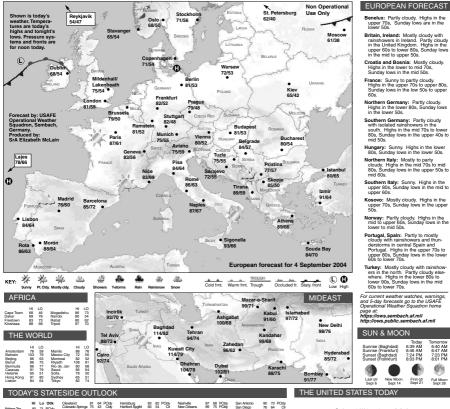
write down their license plate and driver's license numbers.

- Verify that there is no cost for an estimate before allowing
- the contractor into your home.

  Get estimates from several contractors. Find out what your neighbors are paying for repairs.
- Make sure your signature on a bid is not an authorization to start work.
- Get a written contract that gives details of the scope of work, costs and payment schedules.
   If your contractor requests
- an up-front payment for materials, go with him to buy the materials or pay the supplier directly.
- Never pay the supplier directly.
   Never pay the entire cost of the job up front. A deposit of one-third of the total is standard.



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#### Bad air affects work

DURHAM—Pedimin and present state of the present from a University of New Hampshire study show a link between declining worker productivity and poor air quality. Researchers are surveying 500 workers at area hospitals and businesses once a week all summer and how much time they've spent outside. Most of New Hampshire's poor air days fall in the summer.

#### Flashing out wolves

JACKSON — Bright lights and firecrack-er-like shotgun blasts are deterring wolves from further attacks on cattle in Grand Teton National Park, officials said. Ranchers haven't reported any destroyed animals since wolves killed a 400-pound calf dug. 10.

Federal wildlife agents stationed near the herd began shining lights and exploding firecracker shells to chase wolves away.

#### Top choice for college

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year, largely because of lottery
scholarships, educators said. Although the number of students
who took the ACT decreased this
year, nearly 90 percent of the
state's high school students still
took the exam.

#### No copying in court

PAI PHILADELPHIA — They try to drill it into you in elementary school: No copying other people's homework. But apparently a federal judge in western Pennsylvania didn't get the message.

A federal appeals court on Tuesday tossed out a ruling issued last year by U.S. District Judge Arthur J. Schwab after ruling that the judge had copied his opinion, nearly word-for-word, from a memorandum written by one of the attorneys in the case.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Schwab made only two substantive changes to the memo, other than minor changes for grammar and style, then signed it as his own opinion.

In doing so, the court said, Schwab failed to show that he put the necessary thought and jurisprudence into the ruling.

#### Home demolished

GA CUMMING — Three generations of James Wheeler's family were sheltered by a farmhouse built by his grandfather about 80 years ago.

Now, there's only red dirt, weeds and scattered debris where the farmhouse once stood because a bulldozer accidentally razed the house for a new subdivision

Dallas-based Centex Homes moved or demolished about 10 structures on the 83 acres around Wheeler's 22-acre plot to make



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room for about 335 homes.

The sheriff's office investigated, decided it was an accident and, therefore, a civil matter.

#### Tax fraud indictment

MO ST. LOUIS — Donald W. Sanders, a former Missouri Eastern Correctional Center imate, was indicted for preparing and filing false income tax refund claims. Authorities say Sanders, 46, used correction fluid and a copy machine to create fake tax refund claims for himself and other immates in 2002 while serving time.

The refunds ranged from \$454 to \$1,867.52.

#### Native artifacts found

SD RAPID CITY — Crews we doing a survey for a high-way project south of Rapid City found an archaeological site that experts say provides a unique glimpse into the lives of early people. Experts say the artifacts are between 10,000 and 12,000 years old. Archaeologist Jim Donohue said deeply buried campsites such as the one found by the survey crew are much less common.

#### Bar hours extended

KY LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky students re-



First time at the fair Xue Xiong and his wife, Mai Yia Thao, ride one of the water rides in the Midway at State Fair in St. Paul, Minn. The Xiongs recently arrived from Thailand and this is their first fair. Son Chai Xiong is hiding behind them on the ride.

turned to town last week to find longer drinking hours at area bars.

Lexington bar hours were extended Aug. 1 from 1 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.

Students praised the change, but school administrators and police expressed caution. The university remains a dry campus, and there isn't an off-campus drinking policy, a school official said

#### Laptops for students

BOSTON — Three state colleges are requiring new students to own laptop computers this fall under an initiative that will spread to other schools in coming years.

The requirement applies to first-year students this fall at Bridgewater, Framingham and Worcester state colleges. The rule will be extended next fall to Salem State College and Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, and then in 2006 to Westfield State and Fitchburg State.

The rule does not apply to the University of Massachusetts system, and community colleges.

The colleges have a deal with Dell Inc. to offer packages including laptops, software and warranties to students for discounted prices of around \$1,200.

#### Radio host assaulted

WA SEATTLE — Police identified two people they believe were involved in an assault on radio personality Tom Leykis and detained one of them but released him without filing charges. Authorities were seeking a second person.

A 28-year-old Seattle man was taken into custody and released without being charged, police said, adding that the case remained under investigation.

Leykis, 48, based in Los Angeles and known for belittling callers, urging women to bare their breasts and other on-the-air flamboyance, was in town for a broadcast when he was knocked to the ground Aug. 23 outside a night spot, according to police reports.

#### Man can't send 'spam'

RI PROVIDENCE — A judge granted Verizon Wireless a permanent injunction against a Rhode Island man accused of sending millions of unsolicitettettenessage advertisements to cell phone customers in four states.

The injunction in federal court in Trenton, N.J., bans Jacob Brown from sending any more "spam" text messages. Verizon sued Brown in June after identifying him as the leader of a ring that sent the messages.

The messages were sent over

the last several months to cell users in California, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. They advertised mortgage loans, products for losing weight,

loans, products for losing weight, even adult Web sites. Verizon had sought at least \$150,000 in damages, but none

were awarded.



Big swinger Andrew Witkowski of Peoria, Ill., takes to the air on a swing set while listening to music on his iPod at Bradley Park in Peoria.



House lost in fire Firefighters with 14 fire units from three departments battle a blaze that engulfs a log cabin in Garden Valley, Texas. There were no reports of injuries; however, the home was a complete loss.



Ground-up, high moisture corn mixed with dry corn is compacted into a silo at the Corn harvest Haw Ranch Feedlot north of Turon. Kan. The feedlot expects to store more than 1.7 million bushels of high moisture corn that will be fed to their cattle.



RI Schaltenbrand takes Final days of summer advantage of the final days of summer as he waterskis a slalom course on the Allegheny River near Brackenridge, Pa.



Dasher board wash Anthony Anderson, a maintenance tech with the City of Decatur, III., uses a scrubber to remove hockey puck markings from dasher boards of the ice rink in Decatur.



Under a brilliant sunset, Miranda Courteaux, 8, blocks a soccer ball during Soccer by sunset a night practice at the youth soccer fields in Ormond Beach, Fla. Miranda is goalie for the Waves soccer team, which is made up of girls under 10 years.

#### Guilty in wife's murder

NY RIVERHEAD — A man who claimed his wife committed suicide by shooting herself three times - once in the back was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for murder

Eric Rose, 46, was convicted in May. He maintained his innocence at sentencing, saying: "It's very hard for me to show remorse for a crime I did not commit

Prosecutors argued that Rose killed his wife, Wendy, in 2002 to collect \$500,000 in insurance.

Wendy Rose, 53, suffered a gunshot wound to the head, a graze wound to the head and another wound in her back

#### Kids forced to walk

ID HARRISON — Students are getting some exercise on their bus ride to and from school. Weight limits on a trestle bridge are forcing students to get off the bus, walk over the bridge, then get back on after the bus makes it across. The weight limit for the one-lane bridge that crosses the Coeur d'Alene River here is 10 tons. The school buses weigh un to 9 tons without students

#### Men protest shelter

NH MANCHESTER - Two aldermen are planning community meetings next month to try to prevent a federal halfway house from opening in the city Bill Shea wrote a letter against a proposed site in his ward and Frank Guinta received more than 100 signatures on a Web site he's set up to oppose a halfway house anywhere in the city.

#### Computer voter registry

MS JACKSON — Secretary of State Eric Clark is seeking proposals from companies to establish a computerized, statewide voter roll to help ensure more accurate elections in Missis-

He hopes to have the computerized registry up by the June 2006 federal primaries. Records show 34 of Mississippi's 82 counties have more registered voters than people who are old enough to

#### Disabled patients moved

IN INDIANAPOLIS — The Muscatatuck State Developmental Center property in Jennings County will be used for national homeland security training. Patients at the center for the developmentally disabled are scheduled to leave by Jan. 1. Most will be moved to small private group homes. Gov. Joe Kernan plans to travel to the site, about 80 miles southeast of Indianapolis, Wednesday to announce the agreement.

#### Voter info not on Web

LAS VEGAS — The Clark County election office will remove voter addresses and phone numbers from its Web site, Registrar Larry Lomax said. Officials posted the public informa-tion after receiving requests for the data from politicians and campaign groups. But media attention led to complaints from the public. The information will still be available at the election office.

#### Tooth found in soup

SALT LAKE CITY — A judge says the lawsuit just didn't have teeth.

Third District Judge L.A. Dever dismissed a lawsuit brought by Tina Keeney, who claimed emotional distress after alleging a can of Campbell's chicken noodle soup she split with her 13-month-old son contained a human tooth.

"I just don't eat," said the 37-year-old West Jordan resident. "It has affected the way I shop, the way I fix food, things that I eat."

Campbell offered to cover the cost of the soup - plus a little extra, and sent her a \$10 check. The company also wanted her to mail in the tooth.

Keeney took it to a lawyer instead, and the lawsuit was filed in September 2003.

#### Prison consultant hired

OH COLUMBUS — State prison officials are hiring a consultant to find better suicide prevention methods after nine inmates killed themselves this year. The latest was Cody Shreves, 21, who was found hanging in his cell at the Dayton Correctional Institution. Ten inmates killed themselves in 1999, the worst year for suicides since the state started tracking the problem in 1993.

#### Man's ashes land in attic

OR FOREST GROVE — An unwelcome guest recently crashed into Barbara Vreeland's home: the cremated remains of a Washington man. The 46-year-old man died of

natural causes in June. He wanted to be cremated and have his ashes scattered over Mountain View Memorial Gardens, a cemetery near Vreeland's home. Family members told police the bag of ashes slipped as they were circling the cemetery in a small plane they had hired for the day. The 4-pound bag crashed through Vreeland's roof and land-

ed in the attic.

#### Trail construction stops

RI CUMBERLAND — American Indian artifacts may be present where work on a state-funded trail was halted, a preliminary report said. Construction of sections of the 1.4-mile Monastery Loop Trail has disturbed "potentially significant archaeological resources," the Public Archaeology Survey Team said Members of the

Wampanoag tribe said the findings bolster their claim to land that includes town-owned property where the trail is located.

#### Bathroom is off limits

MT HELENA — Even if you're puking, the potty is private, the Montana Supreme Court has ruled.

The high court says a police officer went too far when he walked in on a young woman while she was vomiting into the toilet dur-

ing a loud house party.

The 6-1 decision said the unconstitutional intrusion into the privy means evidence that Rebekah Smith had been drinking illegally - she was only 18 at the time could not be used to prosecute her.

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# Spears continues to spit out latest eBay merchandise craze

BY JAKE COYLE The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Britney Spears' fans don't think the pop star's chewed gum is "Toxic" — they're buying wads of it on eBay.

There are over two dozen auctions of used chewing gum on eBay, each claiming their product has been spit out by the 22-year-old singer. Prices go as high as \$14,000, but most are for significantly less.

Though there is no way to verify the authenticity of the various wads, many

postings include photos of a small piece of chewed gum, a copy of a ticket stub from the place of finding and a personal story of procurement.

One posting claiming to be the originator of the craze says the gum for sale was spat out in anger by Spears outside her Los Angeles home in early August. A picture of the gum, now going for \$26, accompanies the auction.

A seller from London, who is asking \$53 for a piece of gum obtained at Spears' 2000 Wembley Arena concert, declares: "I have had this item for over three years and am only listing it because of the current interest in Ms. Spears' habit for discarding gum!" Brian Johnson, 25, of Missis-

sauga, Ontario, had a posting asking or \$1,000, claiming: "You could take a DNA test to prove this is the real deal." Though he has since taken down the ad, Johnson told The Associated Press in a recent e-mail that he obtained the gum while working backstage at a Toronto concert in April.

or Concert in April.

"While I was holding the camera, I saw her spit it out," Johnson said. "I thought it would be funny to bring the gum home and show some of my friends. They got a big laugh out of it."

But buyer beware! Some of the auctions are fake. One seller offers a piece of Spears' gum from the 2004 MTV Video Music Awards that "still has her tech marks in it." Spears didn't attend the event.

The bidding is also often fake. The gum now priced at \$14.000 was driven

up by one person who bid against himself. Winning bids are mostly closer to \$5 to \$100.

Chris Donlay, a publicist for eBay, says the veracity of the gum claims isn't the business of the Web site. "As long as it doesn't violate our policies, then it's really between the buyer and the seller."

#### Actor Sizemore has probation revoked

LOS ANGELES — Actor Tom Sizemore's probation in a domestic abuse case involving former Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss was revoked Thursday because he failled to complete a drug test.

The judge allowed Sizemore to remain free pending an evidence hearing on Nov. 8.

Sizemore, 42, who has appeared in such films as "Black Hawk Down" and "Saving Private Ryan," was sentenced in October to six months in jail on misdemeanor charges of physically abusing Fleiss during their two-year relationship.

Authorities said Sizemore refused to provide a urine sample for a drug test at a probation office last month. "He simply walked out," prosecutor Robert Cha said.

Sizemore's attorney said the actor passed a test at his drug counselor's office that day, but he declined to take a test at the probation office because an officer he didn't recognize wanted to search him and he feared the results might be tampered with.

From The Associated Press



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## FACES 'N' PLACES

#### Schram leaves cast of USA's "Monk"

Actress Bitty Schram and "Monk" have parted ways. The critically acclaimed USA Network series that stars Tony Shalhoub as an obsessive-compulsive private eye is removing Schram's character, Monk's personal nurse.

'Monk' has decided to go in a different creative direction with some of its characters. Bitty Schram will not continue with the cast," USA Network announced Tuesday. "We thank her for her notable contributions and wish her the very best.'



Representatives from Schram's management company, Untitled Entertainment, released a statement as well: "Bitty Schram and USA Network have amicably decided to go their own separate ways and Ms. Schram will not be returning to the television series 'Monk.' She wishes everyone connected with the show continued success and looks forward to pursuing the various opportunities before her.

John Kelley, a spokesman for USA, said the network has yet to develop what the new direction for the show will be

It is a notable change of circumstance given that earlier this year, Schram was nominated for a Gold-Schram

en Globe for her performance as Sharona Fleming on "Monk She'd been with the show since its beginning in 2002. Schram is also well remembered as the sobbing right-fielder in 1992's "A League of Their Own," whose bawling prompts Tom Hanks' character to ex-

claim, "There's no crying in baseball!" "Monk" is now in the middle of its third season, with new episodes to return in January. Shalhoub won an Emmy for his role as Adrian Monk in 2003

#### Court rules against Kilmer in tax suit

The state Court of Appeals in Sante Fe. N.M., has ruled against actor Val Kilmer and his ex-wife, actress Joanne Whalley, in a dispute over a tax refund of more than \$300,000 sought by the couple

The court said Tuesday the Tayation and Revenue Department had no authority to act on the refund claim because the time period for doing so had expired.

Kilmer, who stars in Oliver Stone's upcoming film, "Alexander," has a ranch near Santa Fe

The refund claim was for \$304,217 in personal income taxes paid for the year 1995. The couple said they were due the refund because Whalley — who had filed for divorce — had moved to California in the latter part of the year.

The claim was filed at the end of 1999, after California tax officials made a preliminary determination that Whalley had been a California resident as of August 1995

The amended 1995 New Mexico return claiming the refund, which was filed by the couple's accoun tant, wasn't processed because the department lost

In addition, for three months in early 2000 the agency decided to delay work on prior-year claims while it caught up with processing the current returns

Under state law, if the department doesn't approve or deny a claim within 120 days, taxpayers then have 90 days to either file a protest or go to court. Kilmer and Whalley did neither, and the 210-day window for the department to act on a claim expired, the court said, upholding a department hearing officer's ruling.

The Legislature "intended a clear and definite outer limit, of 210 days, on the department's authority to act on a claim for refund," the

#### Witherspoon baffled by tabloid attention

Reese Witherspoon doesn't understand the appeal of tabloid magazines

"I can't believe somebody is so interested — particularly in all the pictures of me at the grocery store or at preschool," says Witherspoon, who stars as Becky Sharp in Mira Nair's new film, "Vanity Fair."

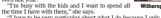
"It's like every day I'm wearing the same sweat suit. It's like, 'Is this really interesting? And to who? she told reporters recently, according to AP Radio.

The "Legally Blonde" actress says she and her husband, actor Ryan Phillippe, try to laugh at the photos and stories. "It's pretty funny, and it's amazing the kind of things that people can make up in their minds," she says.

Witherspoon and Phillippe, who appeared together in 1999's "Cruel Intentions," have two children - daughter Ava, born in 1999, and son Deacon, born last year

"I have to be very particular about what I do because I only do one

movie a year." Witherspoon, 28, recently has been filming "Walk the Line." She plays June Carter, wife of country music legend Johnny Cash. Joaquin Phoenix plays Cash.





By CARYN ROUSSEAU The Associated Press

ith her French accent and booming voice, 19-year-old Cherie has been dubbed by some as the new Celine Dion.

But the songbird is hoping with her U.S. album debut, appropriately titled "Cherie," that people will start to notice her for her own accomplishments — and not compare her to the French-Canadian singer

"Now it's the moment," Cherie, who is from France, told The Associated Press. "Now we're going to see if people like me or

Cherie's pop dreams have been a decade in the making, when at age nine, she starting taking professional voice lessons in Marseille, France. She was still in her teens when she became a pop star in Europe, and drew the attention of record labels in the United States

She's garnering more and more attention these days. Her first bubbly single, "I'm Ready was featured in Lindsay Lohan's movie "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen," and on the WB's 'Charmed" before becoming a dance hit this summer.

She's also been on tour with "American Idol" star Clay Aiken, and even acted on a soap opera. AP: You sing in English, French, Spanish and Italian. How did you learn to do that?

Cherie: Really because of the school I was in. You have to learn English, You have to, I was very into languages. I just picked dif-

AP: But you don't sound French on the album?

Cherie: I don't do it on purse. It's easier for me to sing in English than to speak in English. I just want basically the people to be able to understand the words. AP: How do you like being compared to Celine Dion?

Cherie: I'm very honored, but at's a lot of pressure because I'm at the beginning of [my career]. People are expecting me to be at her level.

AP: Your style is much softer than Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera. What do you think of

Cherie: We're just different people and we probably just have different influences. Mine

were Celine Dion and Shania

AP: What is it like touring with

Clay Aiken? Cherie: This is a lot of fun. I'm probably thinking that I'm on holiday during the summer because I'm traveling on the bus. [It's] almost like we're all going to camp. I'm doing what I like every night and in front of an audience.

AP: Did you enjoy the world of soaps when you filmed your part on "As the World Turns"?

Cherie: It was fun for me. It wasn't very different than what I'm doing every night right now. It was just like being on stage just singing.

AP: Was it scary to move to Los Angeles from France by yourself?

Cherie: It wasn't scary at all. Maybe because I was very young. I'm still young, but I was just ready to go for it. I thought everything would be fine and you can do anything when you're my

AP: Do you feel like you are on the brink of stardom?

Cherie: I don't feel like I am, really. I don't feel like I am yet. AP: So, are you a diva?

Cherie: I don't know. I'm just a singer. What do you call a diva?

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#### Woman, soldier, patriot

In response to "Sending women to war wrong" (Aug. 15): I am not only a woman and a veteran, but also a patriot. I served in the Middle East during Desert Shield/Desert Storm, dealing with the same issues and problems as the male soldiers, plus a few extras.

I believe strongly in the ideas of freedom and equal opportunity for all that our nation is built upon. To say that I, while being intelligent, courageous, hard-working, loyal and patriotic, should not be allowed to defend those rights the same as my male counterparts, is to deny me one of the liberties we all hold dear. It may as well be said women should not be police officers or firefighters because they face the same danger as men there, too,

I knew that the possibility of war was part of being a soldier when I signed the contract that sent me through training to my unit and the Gulf. The training alone. between learning how to fire a weapon effectively to treating a sucking chest wound, is enough to teach anyone that the military is not a game.

America has a proud history as a nation of people who believe in their country and are willing to die for the ideals it is founded on. Why should gender be the basis for denying the right to serve in return for the opportunities and privileges that all are afforded

Dawn McCarthy Al Udied Air Base, Qatar

#### Women choose to serve

I am a female soldier serving overseas in a combat zone. I think that it is prepos terous to say our nation deliberately places female soldiers in harm's way, as the letter "Sending women to war wrong" (Aug. 15) claims. When soldiers enlist in the mili tary, they choose which job they would like to pursue. I am in a transportation company, which drives throughout Iraq doing the job that I chose to do. Men and women serve side by side, doing the same ioh facing the same danger. After all I do not believe that my life is more valuable than those of the male soldiers who I serve heside

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While the writer states, "America's women are intelligent," he also says that women are encouraged to enlist in the military, having no idea what they are getting into. I would think that any intelligent women would understand that if she enlists in the military there is a chance that she may have to serve her country. After all, the definition of "army" is a large organized body of armed personnel trained for

war. The writer should also be aware that it is not "only in America" that women serve in combat zones. There are currently female soldiers in Iraq from numerous countries, including Britain, Italy, Yugoslavia and Poland. Welcome to the 21st century, where gender equality exists.

Spc. Amy Molden Camp Navistar, Kuwait

#### Equality in the military

In response to the writer of "Sending women to war wrong" (Aug. 15), who asked why America is the only nation to send its women into war: Many nations are stuck in their "historic norms and standards of decency" that women are incapable of fighting in wartime, while America accepts that women are capable of supporting its nation on the battlefield.

To the writer, women do not know what they are getting themselves into when they join the military, yet he says "women are intelligent, brave, loyal, hard-working, and patriotic." Aren't these the qualities that you want in someone fighting for your country? Women are informed when they ioin the service in which areas, or "killing fields" as the writer called them, they are unable to serve. Not once are they told that they will not be subjected to combat. Why does the letter writer suppose all individu-als, both male and female, are required to go through some type of basic combat

America is a nation that has grown to understand the importance of all Americans participating in the preservation of its freedom, and most have been able to grow with it. Women are allowed in the military and will be for years to come, so please, at the very least, respect those who have cho sen to serve.

training?

Snc Robbie Martin Logistical Support Area Anaconda, Iraa

#### Embrace modern standards

This is a response to "Sending women to war wrong" (Aug. 15). Female servicemembers have served honorably in the military since the Civil War, Granted, they were not on the battlefront in those days, but still they performed some type of service. Females have now fought for equal opportunity to serve their country, and gotten it. This is a new generation with different standards. These women did not enlist with the wool pulled over their eyes.

The government did not deliberately send them into harm's way. They volunteered. While no one wants to hear about a servicemember being killed in action during wartime, it happens. This is a new type of warfare, and there are no front lines. Anywhere the enemy decides to attack is where the fight will take place, if women are there or not All soldiers know this so contrary to the letter, the women of our country know what they are getting into These places are not country clubs: they are war zones where death has no mercy and can come for anyone at any time. Spc. Daniel Twente

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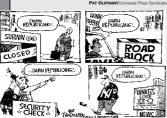
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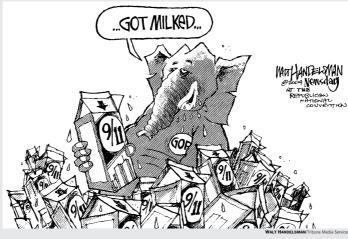








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## **Horoscope**

The sensual Taurus moon re minds us to enjoy ourselves, while the sun in Virgo brings focus to a

million small details that enhance our experiences The result is complete satisfaction, as long as we choose to focus on the right details - the ones that support the idea that you're really living the good life. Be careful not to spend too much

#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 4). Social prestige and glistening

self-image reward your personal growth this year Smooth public relations this month help you build your career. Sweethearts meet during the holidays Love signs are Sagittarius or Capri-com. In matters of finance, stable investments are your best strategy before 2005. You'll remodel or buy property in March.

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19). That old saving "No pain, no gain" is

pessimistic. Why must everything that's good for you come at a price? Refuse to buy into the belief that life has to be hard to be righteous. Maybe the most beneficial thing to do is also the most fun.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Intuition is your best ally, but don't leave your intellect at home. When all your facilities are working togeth

er, you're at your absolute best Romance must be delicately handled. It's not fair to string someone along. GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

#### Set up meetings — there's almost no one who won't take your call. An Aries is a strong supporter. Children manipulate you if you give them the chance. Have a structure in mind before you enter a situation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). On the one hand, you'd like to push yourself to do all that's humanly possible, and on the other, you're not sure how much is humanly possible. Even Lance Armstrong has to recharge his batteries, right? Listen to your body.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your relationship with money is highlighted, and there are all kinds of feelings that go along with it. Be mindful not to tie your self-worth to the balance of your bank account, as the two have nothing to do with one

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You wake up with a new attitude.

Joyce Jillson

Build a margin for error in all of your endeavors, and you'll feel as though you've been liberated! Be on time for all appointments - no excuses, especially not the one about "traffic."

# LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Serious ideas are brewing. Today's lessons involve listening, following direc tions and general compliance. If you can effective ly do what someone else instructs you to do, you can do what you instruct yourself to do.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's obvious to you what's right and what is wrong. But feeling you've got to be the judge and jury of the world is a heavy burden. If it's stopping you from communicating with people

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You take your fun seriously, and why not? You pay money to experience more than you'd naturally be exposed to, and you want to get the most value for your dollar. Make an effort to talk to people you don't know

you care about, just drop it.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). You have incredible intellectual powers. You learn quickly and have a terrific imagination. These gifts are best utilized when you've also got people around you who will help you see your projects through to the

#### AOUARIUS (Ian. 20-Feb. 18). Success can be simple. Keep your objectives clearly in mind, and the "how" part of the equation is easy. A former flame wants to give the relationship another try. This satisfies your ego but probably not your

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Assert your independence whenever possible. Because of your perceived power, a competitor may unexpectedly withdraw, making you the winner by default. You will gain energy in social situations instead of

feeling drained. Creators Syndicate

# Hobbes

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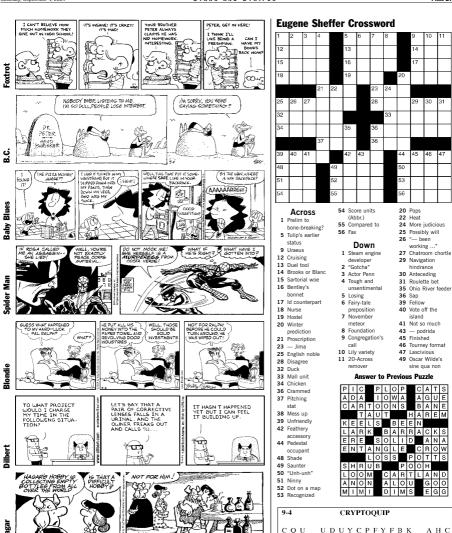








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# **Alcohol sours visits with father JUR**

Dear Abby: I am 26 and a single mother. My parents divorced when I was a teenager, but they have always been there for me emotionally and financially. For the most part we have always been a close and loving family who could go out Dear Abby and have a great time together.

The last few times that Dad and I have had drinks we have said hurtful things to each other and it has escalated to shoving and hitting. When we're sober we are affectionate and loving. We go on vacations and have a great time with the whole family

Do you have any idea what could be causing this?

- Hung Over in Midland, Texas Dear Hung Over: Yes, I do. It's

the alcohol. Since alcohol can cause a change in personality, it is important that you and you dad avoid it

P.S. Are you aware that alcohol problems can run in families? It is vital that you warn your child about this important fact and set a good example.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is listed in your

phone book. Contact. them, and they will provide you with literature on this subject.

Dear Abby: I'm embarrassed to admit

this, but after two years of marriage, I still have not sent out thank-you notes to everyone who attended my wedding and gave us gifts

Our wedding was during finals week of college, and immediately after that, we left for our honeymoon. One week after our return, we moved across the state and had to set up a home and find

I cringe when I think about how many people have asked my mother if we received their gift and "where are the thank-yous. Is there anything I can do to eliminate this guilt before I'm condemned to live with it forey.

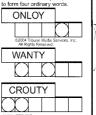
- Guilty in New York

Dear Guilty: Yes. Buy a nice box of stationery and a pen, and write gracious notes to everyone who gave you a wedding gift. Say, "I apologize for the long delay in writing to you, but I want you to know how much 'John' and I are enjoying the lovely () you gave us for our wedding, and I want to thank you for your generosity in giving it to us

Believe me, it's better to receive a tardy thank-you note than never to receive one at all.

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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion Unscramble these four Jumbles one letter to each square All I want to do is get



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# Yesterday's

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"I wanna catch little Nemo in the net, not on a hook."

# Ask parents' input on sleeping plans

Dear Annie: I am a 24-year-old woman who lives several hundred miles away from my parents. I have been living with my boyfriend, "Keith," for two years, and my parents are fully aware (and mostly supportive) of our situation. They have grown to love Keith and respect our relationship. The problem is that

Mom and Dad are coming to visit us soon Keith and I have had a few discussions about sleeping arrangements, and we aren't sure how to proceed. We live in a large two-bedroom apartment, and there's no question that one of the bedrooms will be used by my parents. The question is, should Keith and I share the other room while my parents are here, or should he stay on the sofa? My folks aren't stupid. They know Keith and I share a bedroom, although I believe they prefer not to think about it. It will make my folks uncomfortable, knowing their little girl is sleeping with her



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room. However, it's my apartment and I should be able to govern what happens, which in-cludes sleeping in the same bed with my loving, committed boy friend

Keith has offered to sleep on the couch as a sign of respect to my parents. While I appreciate the gesture, I don't have anything to hide.

Any suggest

- Approval-Seeking Transplant Dear Transplant: Give your parents some credit. They know you and Keith are living together and what that entails. They apparently are comfortable enough to visit regardless. Stop speculating and ask them how they feel about the sleeping arrangements. although it isn't necessary to give up your bedroom unless you want to. And Keith gets a big hug from us for being so sensitive and

considerate. He sounds like a

Dear Annie: You printed a letter from "Confused in Canawho wanted to know if she should tell her cousin that she

I am 60 years old and have a sister 12 years my senior. Eight years ago, my sister informed me that my twin brother and I were not sired by the person I always had thought was my father.

actually was her sister.

I wish she hadn't told me. I feel as though I've been kicked in the teeth. My advice to "Confused" is to keep her trap shut and let the young girl continue to accept her aunt as her mother To do otherwise now, at this late date, is to open up a can of worms garnished with anguish.

- Where Am I From?

Dear Where: We can under stand your bitterness at this revelation, although many peo ple prefer to know the truth, no matter how much it hurts. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmalibox@comeast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndi-cate, 3717 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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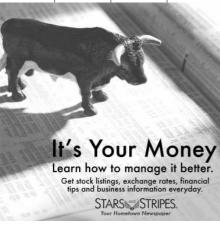
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### **SCOREBOARD**

#### Correction

A story in Friday's edition about the U.S. Air Forces in Europe softball tournament gave wrong score for the men's title game. Spangdahlem de-feated Aviano 21-17.

#### AFN schedule

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Thursday's scores

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Hofstra 45, Albany, N.Y. 0
New Hampshire 24, Delaware 21
Villanova 20, Bucknell 14
Georgetown, Ky. 56, Bethel, Tenn. 0

Jacksonville at Fla. International, pp Mars Hill 34, North Greenville 0 Nicholls St. 37, E. Washington 14 SE Louislana 46, Ark-Monticello 32 W. Carolina 77, W. Virginia St. 7 MIDWEST Boston College 19, Ball St. 11 Dayton 38, Tiffin 9 onal, ppd

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#### Thursday's Top 25 summary No. 20 Utah 41, Texas A&M 21

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dck), 13:47. Second Quarter
Uta—Savoy 9 run (Borreson kick), 14:53.
Uta—Smith 7 run (Borreson kick), 7:20.
Uta—Madsen 38 pass from Smith (kick alled), 3:52.

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	A&M	Utah
First downs	17	23
Rushes-yards	31-167	45-212
Passing	270	370
Comp-Att-Int	20-43-0	22-31-0
Return Yards	22	62
Punts-Avg.	9-34	7-39.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	9-80	8-75
Time of Possession	26:56	33:04

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Rushing-Texas A&M, McNeal 13-48. Levole
16-46 Brayron 2:15, Carter 2-12, Riley 1-6,
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Passing-Texas A&M, McNeal 14-35-0-210,
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Branyon 6-8-0-60. Utah, Smith 21-29-0 359, Johnson 1-20-11. Receiving—Texas A&M, Murphy 8-116. Carter 4-70, Alexander 2-32, Germany 2-11. Lewis 1-14, Woods 1-12, Taylor 1-11. Riley 1-4. Utah, Warren 7-116, Sayoy 5-108, LaTen-dresse 5-69, Madsen 3-53, Wright 2-24.

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Justin Gimelstob and Graydon Oliver, United States, def. Lucas Arnold and Mariano
Robbie Koenig, South Africa, and Travis
Parrott, United States, def. Igor Andreev,
Russia, and David Ferrer, Spain, 6-3, 6-3.

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Shaudjinesy (4), United States, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4,
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6-4. Liezel Huber, South Africa, and Tamarine Tanasugarn (7), Thailand, def. Yan Zi and Zheng Jie, China, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

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Alexandra Stevenson and Rick Leach, Unit-ed States, def. Corina Morariu and Donald Johnson, United States, 6-4, 6-4. Lisa Raymond, United States, and Mahesh Bhupathi (3), India, def. Petra Mandula, Hun-gary, and Paul Hanley, Australia, 6-4, 6-2.

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PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed C Erik Westrum, LW Jon Sim and G Zac Bierk to
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Martin Sonnenberg and LW Doug Douil to

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WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Named Larry Carriere pro scout.

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# Bryant civil case poses risks for both sides

# NBA star, accuser could seek to avoid more embarrassing revelations with settlement

BY JON SARCHE

EAGLE, Colo. — In pressing on with her civil suit against NBA star Kobe Bryant, the woman accusing him of rape will not have to meet the higher standard of proof required in a criminal case.

On the other hand, the details of her sex life could come spilling out, along with her medical and psychological records — the very thing she had tried so desperately to avoid in the criminal case.

Legal experts said both sides might be moving toward a settlement to avoid releasing potentially embarrassing or damaging information about not only the 20-year-old accuser but the 26-year-old Los Angeles Lakers star.

As in the criminal case, the relevance of the woman's sexual conduct before and after her encounter with Bryant is likely to be the subject of a legal fight. Bryan's lawyers won that fight in the raininal case. In the civil case, U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch will have to decide if the information is relevant, said Mel Hewitt, an Atlanta attorney who has 20 years' experience representing victims of crimes including rape in civil court.

The procedure is almost identical to that under Colorado's rape-shield law, which generally bars defense attorneys from introducing such information unless they prove in a closed-door hearing that it is relevant. Hewitt said.

But Bryant's sexual history also could become evidence: The lawsuit, without elaboration, accuses him of "attempting to commit similar acts of violent sexual assault on females he has just

"I would suspect there are some land mines for both sides," said Arthur Hellman, a professor specializing in federal courts and civil procedure at the University of Pittshursh law school.

"There's such a set of dangers of the material that they would each have to produce, and I would think both sides would have an incentive not to want to have all that get out."

The woman's lawyers filed the lawsuit in Denver federal court Aug. 10, seeking unspecified damages for pain and suffering they say she has endured since the alleged attack in June 2003 at a Vail-area resort. The suit was filed in federal court because Bryant and his accuser live in different states.

The lawsuit outlines generally the same case against Bryant as prosecutors did: that Bryant attacked the woman in his room at the resort where she worked, causing her emotional and physical problems that linger still.

To win the case, the woman's attorneys would have to prove by a "preponderance of the evidence" that Bryant forced himself on the woman and caused physical and emotional injury. That is, they would have to show that it was more likely than not that he committed the offense.

In a criminal case, prosecutors would have had to prove it beyond a reasonable doubt, a more difficult standard

Damages for pain and suffering and other non-economic losses in Colorado civil cases generally cannot exceed \$733,000, though damages for economic losses and physical impairment or disfigurement are not capped. Pumitive damages cannot exceed the compensatory award and can be given only if the allegations are proved beyond a reasonable

The woman's attorneys, John Clume and Lin Wood, said Wednesday no payment was made to their client and no settlement negotiations have taken place. They were in a meeting Thursday and did not return calls.

In court, Clune told the trial judge his client had decided against testifying and asked prosecutors to drop the rape charges against Bryant because the accidental release of sealed information — including her name — had destroyed her faith in the justice system.

Yet a civil suit will not give her



Lin Wood, left, and John Clune, attorneys for the alleged victim in the Kobe Bryant case, said their client had received no payment in return for refusing to testify, and that no settlement talks have taken place.

the same protections she had in the criminal case: Bryant's attorneys will be able to force her to sit for a deposition where they could ask her a broad range of personal questions, and her medical and psychological records could become fair game because she is seeking damages for emotional distress, pain and suffering.

"Litigation is for those involved — plaintiffs and defendants — very traumatic and it is almost always better off being resolved than proceeding," said Bill Keating, a veteran Denver attorney who specializes in civil litigation. "So if you look at it from that

point of view, there are a lot of good reasons for Bryant, even though he professes not to have done anything wrong, to make some payment and move on with his life."

Still, he said Bryant is trying to repair his reputation and seeking new corporate endorsements, and might want to risk a trial to win a verdict in his favor.

In a statement Clune said was part of an agreement between his client and Bryant, the NBA star apologized on Wednesday for his behavior and for what she has suffered. Bryant added, however, that the accuser had agreed not to use his statement in the civil case

# Kobe gets another chance to prove he's worthy

n the day he announced that he was jumping from high school straight to the pros, Kobe Bryant already seemed too practiced, too blessed, too ready for someone so young.

The expensive shades perched on his head, the tailored jacket, the coyness playing to the cameras that day — all those things hinted at a maturity learned more than lived. That's no longer the case.

Whatever happened in that hotel room 14 months ago, Bryant has spent every day since facing the very real possibility of doing hard time. That should make anybody grow up in a hurry—even someone with so much poise and talent. Still only 26, his life and career ahead of him now that rape charges have been thrown out in Colorado, Bryant gets as econd chance.

The old Kobe might have felt more bultep-proof than ever and picked up life where he left off. Will there be a new Kobe, one who understands that responsibilities come with his considerable gifts? For once, it will be about more than basketball since playing great, by itself, won't prove a thing. Bryant already demonstrated last season he can handle that kind of pressure. He averaged 31 points in games he played after a private jet whisked him from a Colorado courtroon to the Staples Center court.

But the people who covered his back then are gone. The Lakers belong to Bryant now, in a way they didn't last season, when fan support was almost uncondition-



Jim Litke

al. When owner Jerry Buss ran off Phil Jackson and Shaquille O'Neal and pushed all his chips to the center

of the table, he was gambling that Bryant would come back a changed man. What he had in mind was not a better

What he had in mind was not a better jump shot, but someone with the leadership qualities Bryant always parroted, but

never really practiced

"There will be a period where people keep a close eye on him to see if he messes up," Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban wrote back in an e-mail Thursday, "for maybe a year at the most. Then it will become a footnote that people refer to when they want to criticize Kobe or the NBA."

Cuban, you'll remember, was criticized in the media and scolded by commissioner David Stern for saying a year ago that Bry-ant's trial would be great business for the NBA. Turns out he did his homework. "I went back and tried to find examples in the entertainment business where it hurt," he said back then. "I couldn't."

Boxer Mike Tyson left jail a bigger drawing card than he went in, despite warnings from promoter Lou Duva that little had changed. "Why would anyone expect Mike

to come out smarter? He went to prison for three years, not Princeton."

Four years ago, linebacker Ray Lewis pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of obstructing justice after originally being charged with murder. Today, he does commercials and speaks to the NFL's rookie-orientation program about how to stay out of trouble.

And Cuban thinks Bryant is already farther along in the public rehabilitation process than either of them — no matter whether Bryant behaves differently or not.

"Fans will act differently because there won't be continuous tabloid coverage of him," Cuban said. "As far as a more public role, I'm not sure. I know the LA media will thrust it on him. It really depends on how the team does."

Until now, "how the team does" has always been a personal exercise for Bryant. When teammates got on him for taking too many shots, he responded by not shooting at all. That way, when the Lakers lost, it was their fault. When Jackson called him out as immature, Bryant responded with snide statements that removed most of the doubt

He always modeled himself after Michael Jordan, but he never grasped the bigger picture. Instead of acting like the sheriff—Jordan made it his duty to keep everybody else in line — Bryant fixated on the gunslinger. He thought he could play or, worse yet, talk his way out of any jam.

Teamwork was always something the other guys on his team were supposed to worry about. That won't be enough, especially now.

Whether Bryant got that message remains to be seen. He's still got his freedom, most of the crowd on his side, and a seven-year, Slå million contract besides. Maybe he left that much and more on the table in endorsements, but it's still enough money to insulate him from taking any further risks. His skills are undiminished, too, and on any night Bryant chooses, he can erase any doubts about who's the best play-

In short, Bryant can go on doing pretty much as he pleases, shrugging off responsibility and leaving everybody else to explain their own contribution. It's worked so far, and the only thing that will have changed by the time the season opens in a few months is that the memory will be even dimmer.

"It falls into the category of short-attention-span theater," Cuban said.

But maybe Bryant is finally willing to undertake that long, bugh slog to become the player he promised to be on that spring afternoon in 1996, the once-in-a-generation talent who grows up understanding that his legacy rests not just on being the best, but on making everybody else around him hetter.

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# Smith, No. 20 Utes roll to opening win

By DOUG ALDEN The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - Alex Smith made sure Utah justified

its first preseason ranking Smith overcame some early accuracy problems and threw for three touchdowns, ran for two more and finished with 435 yards of offense to lead the No. 20 Utes past Texas A&M 41-21 Thursday night

Smith and the Utes backed un their ranking with 582 yards and avenged their only non-conference loss of last season.

Local officials dubbed Thurs-day "Utah Day" and there were hours of pregame festivities before the Utes took the field. Then, the fun really started.

"If we spread you out like that, it's going to be tough to stop us, said Smith, who passed for a personal-best 359 yards. "It was nice. very nice

Utah led 7-0 barely a minute into the game and scored the first four touchdowns, despite some early incompletions from Smith.

That first half could've been scary if we take advantage of all those," Smith said of a handful overthrown passes and several others that were dropped, "I was a little hyped up. I've been waiting for this game for so long."

Smith, who completed 21 of 29 passes, topped his 340-vard passing performance against Oregon last year. He also ran 13 times for 76 yards.

The Aggies, who last season lost their last three games and five of their last six, continued to struggle on defense. Utah scored five times on defensive blunders in which the Utes were all but untouched on their way into the end

Texas A&M quarterback Reggie McNeal ran for two touc downs, including a 59-yarder late in the second quarter, but he struggled with his passing

"Too many drops and too many miscues here and there. They just never let us get going," A&M coach Dennis Franchione said "The Utes played like they deserved to be in the Top 20."

A&M used 14 freshmen in its first season-opening loss in four years. The last time the Aggies opened with a loss was also the last time they started the season on the road, a 24-10 loss at Notre Dame in 2000.

Utah was not an ideal opponent for a team that went 0-5 last season away from Kyle Field. The Utes lost to the Aggies 28-26 a year ago when a two-point conversion attempt failed in the final seconds. There wasn't talk of revenge as the game approached, but the Utes certainly felt vindicated after winning in front of a sellout crowd of 45,419 at Rice-Eccles Stadium.

"I love to see that on national television, with Rice-Eccles packed to the walls and our student section going crazy," Utah coach Urban Meyer said. "It was a great night for Utah football."

Smith appeared a little anxious at the start. He overthrew three receivers who had a stride or two on their defenders on plays that could have resulted in touchdowns in the first half. Utah receivers dropped at least three passes that were in their hands.

Smith also made an errant option pitch behind Marty Johnson, who recovered the ball for a



Utah quarterback Alex Smith (11) is tackled by Texas A&M defensive back Bryant Singleton after a 24-yard gain on a keeper Thursday in Salt Lake City. Smith amassed 435 vards of offense in the Utes' 41-21 victory.

20-yard loss. But with the way A&M's defense was struggling, the Utes could afford some mis-

Steve Savov caught a short pass over the middle and turned it into a 78-vard touchdown 1:13 into the first quarter, then scored easily on an end-around from 9 yards out to start the second quar

Smith ran through a wide hole for a 7-yard TD and had a 38-yard scoring pass to John Madsen who didn't have an A&M player within 10 yards when he pulled down the pass and trotted down the sideline. Smith also scored on a 37-yard run

Johnson, playing for the first time in two years because of injuries and a one-year suspension for drunken driving, gained 77 yards on 20 carries for the Utes. Terrence Murphy caught eight sses for 116 yards and became A&M's all-time leader in recep-tions, passing Bethel Johnson's

mark of 117. Murphy has 124 ca-

reer receptions.

## Rough start for Price as UTEP's head coach

traction.

BY MEL REISNER The Associated Press

TEMPE. Ariz. - Mike Price had one ordeal just trying to find a job. His coaching debut at UTEP turned out to be another.

'Our expectation was to win the game, and we certainly didn't do that." Price said after watching Arizona State mut the Miners 41-9 Thursday night.

"We were beaten soundly. I'm disappointed because the players have done everything that I've asked them to do

Price landed in El Paso after being dismissed by Alabama for questionable conduct after a night of heavy drinking and narty. ing at a strip club in Florida in

UTEP, which had won only six

games in three previous seasons took a chance on the 1997 nation-

al coach of the year.

Price said his instincts may have been rusty after a year away from Washington State, but he didn't feel the national attention directed at his return was a dis-

"They seemed very, very fo cused and they gave it a good ef-fort." he said. "They didn't play real great, but they gave it a good effort

Price took over a 2-11 team. and the result was predictable against the Sun Devils who reagainst the Sun Devils, who re-turned 47 lettermen anxious to forget last year's 5-7 record. The Sun Devils' Andrew

Walter threw three touchdown nasses and Emmanuel Franklin scored on one of his two intercep-

## Reyes: Running back's success hasn't translated into wins

REYES, FROM BACK PAGE

Reves' success has not led to as many victories as he would like over the past two seasons. Syracuse struggled to 4-8 two years ago and finished at 6-6 last fall. the two worst seasons in the 14-year tenure of Pasqualoni. Pasqualoni is counting heavily

on both Reves and his backfield partner, Damien Rhodes, to lead the Orange back this season. As for the hype over the Heisman, that will remain low-key if it doesn't quickly disappear.

"We're not going to give it more priority than we should," Pasqualoni said.

"I'd love him to win the Heis-

man, but I think the most important thing is if the team wins and has great success. As long as we keep winning, then that [Heis-man talk] will keep going. If we don't win, then that goes out the window. Reyes is keenly aware of his ac-

complishments and what his legacy will be when he leaves Syracuse. He harbors no illusions about where he fits in among his predecessors, though Even if I. as far as vards and

touchdowns, pass them, when I leave here I still think Ernie Davis, Jim Brown, Floyd Little, Larry Csonka, and Joe Morris are ahead of me," Reyes said.

"I just have so much respect for those guys.'

# Many games, but few real contests on this week's schedule

BY RALPH D. RUSSO The Associated Press

For the college football fan who can never get enough, this weekend is for you.

With the NFL season a week away, college football has practically taken over Labor Day week-Games began Thursday night and continue through Mon

Top-ranked Southern California and No. 23 Oregon are the only Top-25 teams not in action. The one drawback: It's a quantity over quality situation.

There are few juicy matchups among the top teams. The best game on the schedule was postponed because of Hurricane Frances, No. 5 Florida State will play at No. 6 Miami next Friday night instead of Monday night. Also, No. 11 Florida postponed its Saturday game in Gainesville against Middle Tennessee. Most of the ton teams will ease

into their seasons by hosting nonconference patsies - though don't try suggesting that to the coaches expected to ring up an easy victory.
"First games are always scary

College picks

because you don't have previous film," said Missouri coach Gary Pinkel, whose Tigers are a 33-point favorite against Arkansas State. "You have to be able to adjust to anything that happens

Some of the other glaring mis-matches include: No. 3 Georgia against Division I-AA Georgia Southern; No. 12 Kansas State taking on I-AA Western Kentucky; and No. 17 Auburn against Louisi ana-Monroe.

The fun started Thursday night with No. 20 Utah opening at home against Texas A&M. while Mike Price was to make his debut as UTEP coach against Arizona

Friday night's schedule was light, with Washington State at New Mexico the only game.

After a full load on Saturday. Sunday's slate is highlighted by Syracuse at No. 24 Purdue in the afternoon and No. 14 Tennessee hosting UNLV at night.

"My opinion is it would be aw-

every Saturday, but I think we also understand what drives this thing," Syracuse coach Paul Pasqualoni said. "To have that kind of exposure, there's some advantages to that so there's a price to pay for some inconvenience Even without FSU-Miami,

there's still a counte of games scheduled for Monday. Who needs the NFL?

The nicks: Bowling Green (plus 32½) at

No. 2 Oklahoma: No MAC magic here as Jason White begins possi-ble Heisman encore ... OKLAHO-MA 40-16

Georgia Southern (no line) at No. 3 Georgia: One of Division I-AA's best against one of I-A's est is no contest ... GEORGIA 34.7 Oregon State (plus 181/2) at No.

4 LSU: OSU's sticky corners will oe tough on LSU's new starting QB and receivers. ... LSU 24-14. North Texas (plus 26) at No. 7 Texas: Longhorns are 7-0 against Mean Green, including 27-0 in 2002 ... TEXAS 27-7.

Miami (Ohio) (plus 13) at No. 8 Michigan: RedHawks own long-

Cincinnati (plus 15) at No. 9 Ohio State: Bearcats nearly beat Buckeyes in 2002 OHIO in 2002. ... East Carolina (plus 281/2) at No.

10 West Virginia: Mountaineers OB Rasheed Marshall could run for 100 WEST VIRGINIA 41-17 Middle Tennessee (plus 28) at

No. 11 Florida: Gators opened last season with 65-3 win over San Jose State ... FLORIDA

Western Kentucky (no line) at No. 12 Kansas State: K-State's fifth game in last three seasons against I-AA opponent ... KAN-SAS STATE 48-9.

No. 13 California (minus 131/2) at Air Force: Falcons' option offense vs. Cal's balanced and versatile attack ... CALIFORNIA 27-17 Wake Forest (plus 111/2) at No. 15 Clemson: Clemson's last loss

was 45-17 to Wake Forest ... CLEMSON 45-17 No. 16 Virginia (minus 16) at

Temple: Why are the Cavaliers playing at Temple? ... VIRGINIA 38-3. Louisiana-Monroe (plus 38) at No. 17 Auburn: Tigers opening easy after last year's 0-2 start ... AUBURN 50-10.

Arkansas State (plus 33) at No 18 Missouri: Tigers QB Brad Smith runs for 100 and throws for 150 — in about two quarters . MISSOURI 48-10.

Kent State (plus 30) at No. 19 Iowa: Golden Flashes have no shot without suspended QB Joshua Cribbs IOWA 36-7 UCF (plus 23) at No. 21 Wiscon-

sin: George O'Leary will miss UCF's opener to attend the funeral of his 83-year-old mother ... WISCONSIN 35-17.

Northern Illinois (plus 14) at No. 22 Maryland: Huskies beat Terps in DeKalb, Ill., last year, 20-13 in OT ... MARYLAND 24.14

Toldeo (plus 111/2) at No. 25 Minnesota: Rockets are class of MAC with QB Bruce Gradkowski leading the way ...

UNLV (plus 20) at No. 14 Tennessee: Vols to start freshman QB either Erick Ainge or Brent Schaeffer ... TENNESSEE 38-13 Syracuse (plus 12) at No. 24 Purdue: Kyle Orton is Heisman darkhorse for Boilermakers

# Pats rest starters in 31-0 loss

BY HOWARD ULMAN The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. - The Super Bowl champs ended their exhibition season with a three-game losing streak and a 31-0 setback

At least they should be rested for their regular-season opener. None of the New England Patriots' 22 first-stringers played on

Thursday night when the Jacksonville Jaguars pulled away with four touchdown passes in the fourth quarter

Coach Bill Belichick gave the regulars a breather because they played an unusually long time just five days earlier in a 20-17 loss at Carolina and they'll play the season opener against Indianapolis on Thursday night

The guys that we didn't play spent the past few days preparing for the Colts, Belichick said. "We put in a number of things we want-

ed to get going with them." The Patriots go into that game with a 15-game winning streak in regular and postseason games, three short of the NFL record set by Miami in 1972 and 1973

"Any time you have the Colts coming to town it's not a bad thing to get some rest," said defensive end Richard Seymour.

New England ended the exhibition season 1-3 with its first exhibition home loss since 2000. Jacksonville was 3-1, but the Jaguars' first-string offense failed to pro-

duce a touchdown. "I'm not really concerned." Jag-



Jacksonville cornerback Juran Bolden (21) intercepts a pass intended for New England receiver Bethel Johnson on Thursday. The Jaguars forced five turnovers.

uars coach Jack Del Rio said. "You would like to be a little more explosive in these preseason games, but overall I think we're going to have a good offense Byron Leftwich went 4-for-8

for 24 yards in three series in his final tuneup for the opener Sept 12 at Buffalo. Josh Scobee kicked a 31-yard

field goal with 8:03 left in the third quarter before David Garrard threw one touchdown pass, and Quinn Gray threw three. Garrard hit Troy Edwards with

a 25-yarder, and Gray connected with Jermaine Lewis for 4 vards. Ernest Wilford for 12 and Cortez Hankton for 17. Wilford, a fourth-round pick this year from Virginia Tech, led receivers with six catches for 122 yards.

Tom Brady charting plays, Rohan Davey played all but the Patriots' final series. The offensive player of the year in NFL Europe went 13-for-25 for

104 yards and two interceptions. Mike Cloud led New England's rushers with 93 vards on 19 car-

# **Parcells seeking productivity**

## Testaverde, George punchless vs. Chiefs' leaky defense

BY JAIME ARON The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas - After seeing the way his aging running back, even older quarterback and questionable group of cornerbacks closed the preseason, Bill Parcells considers the Dallas Cowboys a work in

'I'm going to be looking at the waiver wire, that's for sure. I'm going to be looking pretty close," Parcells said following a 24-20 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs on Thursday night. "We've got to try to improve our talent level a little bit. Anybody can tell from looking at us

Dallas' starters were unimpressive, with Vinny Testaverde hitting nearly as many defensive backs as receivers and Eddie George having more carries than yards. Kansas City was slowed early by penalties, then had consecutive touchdown drives by throwing at the Cowbovs' right cornerbacks.

Once both teams took out their starters, Dallas backup quarterback Tony Romo led three straight scoring drives and the defense made it hold up

Romo, who never played as an undrafted rookie st season, went 12-for-14 for 141 yards. He drove for a field goal just before halftime and led TD drives of 70 and 65 yards in the third quarter, taking the Cowbovs from a 14-7 deficit to a 24-14 lead.

Romo likely won the second-string spot, especially since Drew Henson went 0-for-4 with an interception on his first pass.

"I've been gaining confidence each week," said Romo, who ran for the winning touchdown in the last minute of another preseason game. "I was able to get into a rhythm tonight and our wide receivers and offensive line did great work."

Even in defeat. Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil felt good because starting quarterback Trent Green completed seven of nine passes for 72 yards and a touchdown, then backup Todd Collins went 5-for-5 for 104 yards with a 53-yard TD pass.

"They put in a pretty good day's work," Vermeil said. "Both quarterbacks can keep performing the way they have been and I will stay happy.

Testaverde, 4-for-10 for 40 yards with one interception, missed Keyshawn Johnson all five times he threw his way. Cornerback William Bartee came closer to catching the first two and the last one was redeemed by a pass interference call. George gained just 8 yards on nine carries against

the Chiefs' first-team defense. He finished the preseason with 51 yards on 24 carries.

The Cowboys' rookie running back Julius Jones didn't play because he hurt his ribs Monday night.



San Diego's Philip Rivers went 13-for-16 for 85 yards with a TD and one interception Thursday.

# Chargers' QB derby remains unresolved

until

SAN FRANCISCO - Drew Brees completed all five of his passes, engineered two touchdown drives in one quarter and watched rookie Philip Rivers struggle until

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San Francisco put in its backup defenders. Despite that, Brees hasn't been anointed San Diego's starting

quarterback Coach Marty Schottenheimer was pleased with both quarter-backs during San Diego's 31-15 victory over San Francisco on Thursday night but wasn't ready to pick a starter for the season

opener at Houston on Sept. 12. 'We'll evaluate everything and make a decision Sunday or Monday," Schottenheimer said.

Brees, whose poor play last year contributed to San Diego's decision to acquire Rivers, went 5-for-5 for 71 yards, including a 35-yard TD pass to Eric Parker, and led San Diego to 14 points on three drives

Rivers, the fourth pick in this year's draft who missed the first two exhibition games in a contract holdout, went 5-for-14 with two interceptions in his debut against Seattle and didn't look any better in the first half against San Francisco

The 49ers, who finished the preseason winless for the first time since 1974, saw quarterback Tim Rattay thrive in his first extended action this year. After missing the first two exhibition games with a sore arm, he went 7-for-8 for 101 yards Thursday.

In other games Thursday:

Cardinals 33, Broncos 21: Arizona's Neil Rackers kicked four field goals and Josh McCown and Sean King combined to complete 14 of 19 passes for the Cardinals Kanell regressed after a solid start to the preseason, going 2-for-8 for 24 yards before being replaced in the second quarter.

Seahawks 23, Vikings 21: Trent Dilfer completed 17 of 20 passes for 211 yards and two first-half touchdowns in Seattle and backup Seneca Wallace led a late drive that set up Josh Brown's winning 28-yard field goal with no time remaining

Raiders 28, Rams 24: Oakland's Rich Gannon (5-for-8, 45 vards) threw his first touchdown pass of the preseason while teammate Kerry Collins went 5-for-5 for 88 yards and a touchdown in Oakland, Calif.

Buccaneers 17, Texans 9: Michael Pittman, who got extensive playing time because the Bucs rested starter Charlie Gar-ner, ran for 71 yards on 12 carries and Tampa Bay held host Houston to three field goals.

Lions 20. Bills 17: Drew Bledsoe led Buffalo's first-string of-fense to its only touchdown of the preseason, but three Lions defensive backs were hurt in Detroit.

Safety Brock Marion (bruised right knee), cornerback Fernando Bryant (neck stinger) and cornerback Rod Babers (shoulder) left the game with injuries.

Panthers 16, Steelers 13: Rod Rutherford's 57-yard comple-tion to Eugene Baker in the fourth quarter set up John Kasay's third field goal, and visiting Carolina finished its second consecutive unbeaten preseason.

Ravens 27, Giants 17: Baltimore's Kyle Boller threw a touch-down pass and Chris McAlister scored on an interception return at Giants Stadium to lead the Ravens, who got a scare when seven-time Pro Bowl tackle Jonathan Ogden sprained his left knee. His status for the season opener is uncertain.





Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova, above, won the first seven games against Jelena Jankovic on Thursday before struggling, then pulling away for 6-0, 6-7 (5), 6-1 victory in the second round.

# Survive and advance

#### Sharapova, Henin-Hardenne, V. Williams escape close calls

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BY BEN WALKER The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Maria Sharapova zinged shots so sharply against Jelena Jankovic, many fans at Louis Armstrong Stadium left their seats early Thursday in hopes of finding a more competitive match.

They missed seeing things get interesting in the

After breezing through the first seven games, Sharapova started bumbling. Soon after that, despite winning a 27-stroke point in the tiebreaker, the Wimbledon champion found herself again in a decisive third set

But then, a bad omen for Jankovic: For some reason, her name began flickering on the scoreboard lights.

And so did her hopes of an upset, especially when she needed treatment for a recurring left hip strain. Sharapova ramped up and won straight points in winning 6-0, 6-7 (5). 6-1.

'I felt that I could hit any shot from anywhere on the court," the Russian teen said. "That's a good feeling to have when you're in the third set."

Most of the top players struggled a bit Thursday. Venus Williams got off to a slow start before beating Shikha Uberoi 7-5, 6-1, and defending Open champion Justine Henin-Hardenne defeated Israeli qualifier Tzipi Obziler 6-2, 5-7, 6-2

Andre Agassi took control after an early stagger and led 7-5, 2-6, 6-2, 1-0 when Florian Mayer quit with a left hamstring injury.

Playing in his 19th straight Open, the 34-year-old

Agassi outlasted his 20-year-old opponent "I just don't want to play old. That's what I'm con-cerned about out there," Agassi said. "I feel like if I can still play my tennis, then I'm proud of that."

The reigning French Open champions weren't so fortunate, as No. 4 Anastasia Myskina and No. 9 Gas-ton Gaudio both lost. So did U.S. Olympic semifinal-

ists Mardy Fish and Taylor Dent. On Friday, Amelie Mauresmo showed little of the rust or fatigue displayed in her previous match, easily beating No. 31 Maria Vento-Kabchi of Venezuela 6-2, 6-0 to reach the fourth round.

No. 12 Ai Sugiyama joined Mauresmo in the round of 16 by overwhelming Jelena Kostanic of Croatia 6-1, 6-3, Kostanic upset No. 18 Karolina Sprem in the first round.

In perhaps the most entertaining match Thursday, Olympic double gold medalist Nicolas Massu lost to Sargis Sargian 6-7 (6), 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4, At 5 hours, 9 minutes, it was the second-longest match by time in Open history — Stefan Edberg beat Michael Chang in a 1992 semifinal that lasted 17 minutes more.

Massu spiced up his match by cracking his racket on a fence and later slamming it on a fence. Chair umpire Carlos Ramos docked Massu a

point for his first outburst and penalized him a game in the final set for the tantrum

"I played for five hours, I fight a lot, and this guy comes here, gives me two or three warnings. I accept the first two warnings. If I have to pay something, I accept it. But the third is unbe-lievable," Massu said. "This guy's unbelievable. He's never going to umpire me again."

Williams' victory made history. For the first time in the U.S. Open, four black women advanced to the third round. Williams joined her sister, Serena, along with Chanda Rubin and 19-year-old wild-card

Angela Haynes. All four players will not reach the fourth round. Venus Williams and Rubin face each other in their

next match on Friday, Haynes plays Francesca Schiavone while Serena Williams takes on Tatiana Golovin. Just three of the 17 U.S. male players are left— Agassi, Andy Roddick and Vince Spadea— and the

second round is not complete. Wild card Amer Delic lost to No. 3 Carlos Moya 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 in Thursday's final match. The second-seeded Roddick plays

Rafael Nadal on Friday night.

Myskina lost to 17-year-old qualifier Anna
Chakvetadze 7-6 (3), 6-3, and Gaudio fell to 2002 Australian Open winner Thomas Johansson 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. 6-4.

'I didn't want to fight. I didn't want to run," Myskina said. "I didn't want to do anything. See scores on Page 32.

# Changes on horizon for U.S. after unsightly loss to Russia

BY BRIAN MURPHY

St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- Forget about the ghosts of Nagano and 1998. North America suddenly has become a place of misery for the U.S. hockey team.

Blitzed by a more energetic and better prepared opponent for the second consecutive game, on home ice this time, Team USA coughed up a hairball Thursday night in the form of an ugly 3-1 loss to Russia in a World Cun game at Xcel Energy Center.

Without the saving graces of overburdened goalie Robert Esche, the United States would have been thrashed even worse.

The loss left the veteran U.S. team shaken and searching for answers, while coach Ron Wilson vowed wholesale changes to energize a moribund lineun

Forward Keith Tkachuk, who scored the U.S. goal and took two ill-timed frustration penalties in the closing minutes, said he was "embarrassed by the way we came out and played this hockey game

"They came out and just took it to us early," Tkachuk said. "It was very frustrating to see us play the way we did the whole game. It's just not our hockey. We've got to turn this around or else we'll be traveling for the finals

With two losses, the United States faces a must-win game against Slovakia on Friday night in St. Paul for their salvation, if not their survival.

All eight teams are guaranteed a snot in the playoff round. But the United States is guaranteed to finish behind undefeated Canada in the North American pool standings. Only a victory over Slovakia and a Russian victory over Canada on Saturday in Toronto would keep Team USA from playing its quarterfinal in Toronto.

The Americans vowed to roll out full throttle after sleepwalking through the first 30 minutes of a 2-1 loss to Canada two nights earlier. But the United States found itself backpedaling to a fervent Russian team unwilling to roll over simply because it was on American ice

The Russians were expected to be a weak er team after a series of high-profile defections thinned their offense and left them without a proven NHL goaltender. It hardly mattered as they outshot Team USA 45-21 and received stellar netminding from Ilva Brzgalov to win their tournament opener.

Alexei Kovalev snapped a 1-1 tie five minutes into the third period with a brilliant one-man effort. With the United States scrambling to catch up to Russia's 3-on-2 break, Kovalev evaded forward Tony Amonte at the left face-off circle to bear down on Esche.

He deked Esche to the ice and snapped the puck just under the crossbar to break the Americans' will and cement what turned into an easy victory.



Russian defenseman Sergei Gonchar, top, lands on American forward Brian Rolston during Russia's 3-1 victory on Thursday.

Wilson was befuddled by how his team has started so poorly in its first two games after solid exhibition games that included a 2-0 victory last week over Russians. He promised a new lineup for Friday night's game against Slovakia, which bodes well for forwards Jamie Langenbrunner, Bryan Smolinski and Jeff Halpern, as well as defensemen Paul Martin and Ken Klee

"We've got five fresh pairs of legs to get in there and shake up the chemistry of our room," Wilson said. "I was shocked at how we started tonight because we seemed to have some fire in the locker room. The first couple of shifts were fine, and then we started turning the puck over, starting to compli-

"They get confidence. You lose confi-dence. It was kind of strange to see our team, which played so well last week, not have the belief that they can handle a team with that much skill."

## Garcia leads **Euro Masters**

The Associated Press

CRANS-SUR-SIERRE, Switzerland — Sergio Garcia birdied the



Spaniard and roundup Ryder Cup teammate Miguel

Angel Jimenez after two rounds of the European Masters.

Garcia was at 11-under 131, with Jimenez (67) at 132. Luke Donald the third member of the European Ryder Cup team playing in the event, shot 67. He three strokes back with South Africa's Charl Schwartzel (66)

Two-time champion Eduardo Romero was in a group four strokes behind, with defending champion Ernie Els five off the pace after a 67

#### Kim leads LPGA event in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. - Christina Kim made 11 birdies and tied the tournament record of 10-under 62 Thursday for a two-shot lead after the opening round of the LPGA State Farm Classic

Rookie Mikaela Parmlid of Sweden shot a career-best 8-under 64 and was alone in second.

# **Hurricane delays** Miami-FSU game

MIAMI - Florida State and Miami will still play in prime time, just four days later than planned.

The nationally televised game, originally scheduled for Monday night, was postponed Thursday as Hurricane Frances moved clos



east coast. No. Florida's ner against Middle Ten nessee State on Saturday

The game between the No. 5 Seminoles and the No. 6 Hurricanes will be played next Friday night at the Orange Bowl.

"Our biggest concern is for the safety of anyone who is in the path of Hurricane Frances, and we felt the appropriate thing to do is to reschedule the game," Miami athletic director Paul Dee said.

Florida's home game will be played Oct. 16, athletic director Jeremy Foley said.

Frances, packing winds of 145 mph, is expected to hit the state late Friday or early Saturday. More than a million threatened people were told to clear out Thursday.

Hampton and Jackson State moved their season opener Saturday from Orlando's Citrus Bowl

#### Mayorga arrested for alleged rape: Trinidad bout uncertain

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Former world champion Ricardo Mayorga was arrested Friday on suspicion of rape, and says he is uncertain about the status of his Oct. 2 middleweight bout in New

York against Felix Trinidad Mayorga was arrested at Managua's international airport after a complaint was filed Wednesday by a 20-year-old woman who said the boxer had invited her to a hotel, beat her and sexually abused her, police spokesman Marlon Montano said.

Speaking to The Associated Press at a police station where he had been taken. Mayorga said he

"I had a normal relationship with her and the hotel employees are witnesses that she was happy when she left the hotel I gave her two bills of 500 cordobas (about \$30 each) and we said goodbye,' said Mayorga.

Asked about his bout with Trinidad at Madison Square Garden. Mayorga said, "I think that it was suspended and Trinidad will fight somebody else, but I'm not sure."

However, the Madison Square Garden Web site shows the fight is still scheduled. Mayorga's attorney, Sergio Morales, said he would seek an injunction allowing his client to travel to the United States.

#### Hamilton Jr. replaces Craven

FONTANA. Calif. - Bobby Hamilton Jr. will replace Ricky Craven in the No. 32 PPI Motorsports car beginning with Sundav's NASCAR Nextel Cup race at California Speedway.

It was announced in July that Hamilton, the son of a longtime NASCAR competitor Bobby Hamilton, would take over Craven's ride in 2005, but team owner Cal Wells III said Thursday that Craven has stepped aside.

"We are grateful," Wells said, "Ricky Craven chose to allow us the opportunity to get a head start on the 2005 season. This will give Bobby and the team a chance to work together for the remaining events to build a foundation for nevt season

Wells said Craven, who has driven for the PPI team since 2001, will be at the wheel of the No. 32 once more, in the race Sept. 19 at New Hampshire International Speedway. Craven is from Newburgh, Maine





Ryan Newman is 10th heading into Sunday's Pop Secret 500 at California Speedway. The top 10 drivers after next week's race in Richmond will be the only ones allowed to compete for the Nextel Cup.

# Chase for top 10 heads to Calif.

BY MIKE HARRIS The Associated Press

FONTANA, Calif. - No question that Jamie McMurray is a fine race driver. His math could

use a little work. "I'd say we've got 15 top 10 teams," said McMurray, one of 15 drivers battling for a spot in NASCAR's new "Chase for the

Nextel Cup" championship for-With just two races remaining in what has been dubbed the "Race for the Chase," five drivers are still within striking distance of a top 10 position in the points that would make them eligible for

the playoff-style title battle. The ton 10 drivers in the standings after the race next week in Richmond will be the only ones allowed to compete for the season championship over the final 10 races of the season.

Going into Sunday's Pop Secret 500 at California Speedway, the five drivers closest to 10th-place Rvan Newman are bunched within 45 points of that coveted spot. Adding to the drama, Bobby Labonte is just one point ahead of Newman, and eighth-place Kevin

Harvick is five points out of 10th. Even Elliott Sadler, solidly en-trenched in seventh, 101 points ahead of Newman, is a little ner-

"We made up a lot of ground in

the Chase last week at Bristol with a fifth-place run," Sadler said. "I know I didn't win that race but I sure felt like I did

'Our goal for this weekend is to maintain our position in the standings and put ourselves in a good position for a solid finish. ... With just two races left until the playoffs, I know I will also be a little more conscious on restarts and

try not to put myself in a bad situa-Sadler still has vivid memories of a flat tire last month at Michigan that cost him dearly in points.

"That's just part of racing," he said. "You can do everything per-fect on some days and still not have the good outcome you expect

That thought isn't comforting for any driver racing for a top 10

McMurray, docked 25 points early this season when his team brought a car with an unapproved rear window to Bristol, also has failed to finish six races this season and considers himself lucky to still be in the running for a playoff berth

'If I could just have 10 points for each of my six DNFs (did not finish), we'd be in the top 10," Mc Murray said. "It's all about finishing. The points system rewards guys that are consistent. If you cant do that, you don't deserve to be there anyway."

ures that isn't going to change at California or Richmond.

'I think it's going to come down to who doesn't have trouble in these next two races," he said.
"Of those seven cars from eighth to 15th, someone is going to have trouble. Whoever doesn't is who is going to be in the top 10

Newman, who fell out of the top 10 last month and has barely managed to get back in, is trying not to put too much heat on himself.

The points battle is really tight, but we, as a team, don't put any pressure on ourselves," New-man said. "We do all we can every weekend. That's all I can ask of these guys. If we put in a sincere effort, the points will work themselves out."

Jeremy Mayfield, tied with Mark Martin for 12th, just 35 points behind Newman and nine behind teammate Kasey Kahne,

is trying to look at the big picture.
"This team is so far ahead of where we were a year ago. If we get in, it's a bonus to all of us," Mayfield said. "If we don't, that means we're going to be hungrier to be in it next year. Either way, there are great things in the future for our team."

That doesn't mean he is conceding anything, though.

"Our goal over the next two races is to get both of our team cars in the top 10. I think we can do it," Mayfield said.

## Urbina's mother kidnapped in Venezuela the club to go to Venezuela, and

CARACAS, Venezuela - The mother of Detroit Tigers pitcher Ugueth Urbina was kidnapped by



four unidentified men disguised as nolice officers,

police Thursday. took Maura Villareal from a

house owned by Urbina in suburban Caracas on Wednesday, said Joel Rengifo, director of the country's anti-kidnapping police force. The men have not contacted family members, he said.

The Tigers said Urbina had left

the team is working with Major League Raseball and its Venezue. lan contacts to assist the pitcher. Cubs' Mercker, Astros'

#### Wheeler, Garner suspended NEW YORK - Chicago Cubs

reliever Kent Mercker and Houston Astros right-hander Dan Wheeler were suspended for three games Thursday after a testy series last weekend.

Astros manager Phil Garner was suspended for one game. All three were fined undisclosed amounts by Bob Watson, vice president of on-field operations

for Major League Baseball. The Astros' suspensions were

to begin Friday against Pitts-burgh. Wheeler and Mercker could appeal.

In his Houston debut, Wheeler hit Chicago first baseman Derrek Lee with a pitch in the ninth inning Sunday after both teams had been warned about beanballs.

eeler and Garner were eject ed. Houston sluggers Carlos Belt-ran and Lance Berkman had been plunked an inning before. Mercker was disciplined for his

ctions last Friday at Wrigley Field, where he reportedly yelled at umpire C.B. Bucknor in a dug-out runway after the Cubs' 15-7 loss. The left-hander also hit Houston starter Roy Oswalt with a pitch in that game and got a warning, but was not ejected.

# **Boston takes control of wild-card race**

BOSTON - The surging Boston Red Sox have seized control of the AL wild-card race an eye on winning their division.

Derek Lowe (13-10) pitched effectively into the eighth inning Boston completed three-game sweep of the Anaheim Angels with a 4-3 victory Thursday night — the Red Sox's season-high ninth straight win



The Red Sox moved 41/5 games ahead of the Angels in the wild-card

chase and remained 31/2 behind the AL East-leading New York Vankees

"This is a special run that we are going on," Lowe said. "Especially this time of year, we are getting clutch hits, the defense was phenomenal. We're having fun."

So are the Minnesota Twins, who beat the Texas Rangers 2-0 and took a nine-game lead in the AL Central. Brad Radke (10-7) had a sea-

son-high nine strikeouts in eight innings to give Minnesota a three-game sweep. Joe Nathan threw a perfect ninth for his 37th save, completing the five-hitter as the Twins took their largest division lead of the season.

Not bad for a team that was on the brink of contraction three years ago, but is now poised for a third straight division title

"I hate to be cocky, but if we lose this lead right here I don't think we should have a team." outfielder Torii Hunter said

At Boston, Bill Mueller homered off Bartolo Colon (13-11) and the Red Sox completed a three-game sweep with their 15th win in 16 games.

Texas, third in the wild-card standings, comes to Boston for a three-game series beginning Friday night. Boston is looking for its



Boston center fielder Johnny Damon gets a face full of dirt as he slides back in time under a tag by Anaheim Angels first baseman Darin Erstad during the second inning in Boston on Thursday, The Red Sox won 4-3.

first 10-game winning streak in over 11 years, last done in July

"It says that we're playing pretty well right now," said outfielder Johnny Damon, who went 3-for-4 with an RBI.

"We have another tough team coming in in Texas. We just have to keep playing tough."

Boston has won 10 straight at Fenway Park and is 7-0 on its 10-game homestand. The Red Sox have swept their past three series at home. The last time that happened was April 19-May 4

Lowe allowed runs in each of the first three innings but recovered to pitch 71/3 innings, giving up three runs and seven hits Keith Foulke got four outs for his

26th save. Colon allowed four runs and 10 hits in 4<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings for the Angels. who fell four games behind AL West-leading Oakland

"Hey, they played great base-ball for three days," Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia said. "We couldn't match it."

In other AL games Thursday:

Twins 2, Rangers 0: At Minne apolis. Radke had the Rangers off balance all night. He allowed five hits and walked one in Minnesota's seventh shutout. "This is when teams make them-

selves or break themselves," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We have to come out with some intensity now and finish this thing off." Kenny Rogers (15-7) allowed

just one run in six-plus innings. but Texas tied a season high with its fourth straight loss and fell 51/a games behind first-place Oakland in the AL West.

"When you lose three in a row and the teams you're chasing win all three, it hurts and makes the

hill harder to climb," Rogers said "But, by no means is it over."

Yankees 9, Indians 1: Gary Sheffield had three RBIs to reach 100 for the seventh time, Alex Rodriguez hit a three-run homer. and Jon Lieber (10-8) pitched seven shutout innings at Yankee

Steve Karsay, sidelined since the end of the 2002 season with back and shoulder injuries that needed operations, allowed a home run in the ninth on his first pitch to Victor Martinez, who reached 100 RBIs for the first time. Karsay then struck out Travis Hafner and Casey Blake, and retired Ren Broussard on a popup.

Athletics 4. White Sox 2: Mark Redman (10-10) pitched seven strong innings, and Billy McMillon homered off Jose Contreras (12-7) for visiting Oakland.

Redman became the fourth A's pitcher to reach double digits in wins, allowing four hits and two runs, and AL West-leading Oakland won for the 14th time in 16

Blue Jays 8, Mariners 6: Ichiro Suzuki got three more hits, but Orlando Hudson and Vernon Wells homered to lead homestanding

Suzuki. chasing George Sisler's major league record for hits in a season, went 3-for-5 and has 217 hits. He has 29 games left to break Sisler's mark of 257 hits. set in 1920 with the St. Louis Browns.

Orioles 13, Devil Rays 2: At St. Petersburg, Fla., Miguel Tejada drove in three runs, and Erik Bedard (6-9) pitched seven impressive innings for Baltimore.

Tejada increased his AL-leading total to 121 RBIs for the Orioles, who have won four straight following a 12-game losing streak. Thev finished their three-game sweep of the Devil Rays, who lost their sixth in a row.

## Powerhouse Cardinals complete sweep of Padres Suppan topped his previous ca-

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - The St. Louis Cardinals have powered their way to the best record in baseball, and their manager has a stern warning for the rest of the

"Our best baseball is ahead of us." Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "I really believe that."

Albert Pujols and Jim Edmonds homered in the first, Jeff Suppan (14-6) won his fifth straight start, and the Cardinals completed a three-game sweep of the San Diego Padres with a 7-2 victory Thursday night. "They outslugged us by far,"

Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "But they're outslugging ev-erybody. Look at their lineup and there's nobody in our league that matches up with them." Puiols and Edmonds each hom-

ered three times in the series for

the Cardinals (89-44). Pujols was 4-for-4 with two RBIs, 8-for-12 with six RBIs in the series and has homered in four straight

"He is incredible," La Russa said Puiols' 43rd homer matched

his career best set last season, and Edmonds gave the Cardinals three 100-RBI men for the second time in franchise history. Scott Rolen leads the NL with 116 RBIs. Puiols has 106 and Edmonds 100 after Pujols, Rolen and Edgar Renteria reached triple-digits last year.

Larry Walker added a homer in the seventh inning for the Cardinals, who are 33-6 against the Padres the past six seasons - 19-2 at home - and have swept them at least once each year.

reer best for victories set last year and tied Matt Morris and Chris Carpenter for the staff lead this season. In six-plus innings, he allowed two runs and seven hits. Suppan also got his third hit in 48 at-bats this season.

Jake Peavy (11-4) lasted six innings, but lost for the first time since July 7 to Houston

It was a major blow to the Padres, who are two games behind the Cubs in the NL wild-card race heading into a six-game homestand

"We knew coming in here we had to play our best ball, and we didn't do it," Bochy said. "We need to regroup and head home.

In other NL games Thursday: Dodgers 8, Diamondbacks 4: At Phoenix, Adrian Beltre hit his 43rd homer and Milton Bradley, who'll leave the team briefly following the death of his grandfa-

ther doubled in the go-shead run off Shane Nance (1-1) in the eighth inning.

Yhency Brazoban (1-0) gave up a run in two innings — on Scott Hairston's eighth-inning homer and got his first major league victory. Eric Gagne got two outs for his 37th save

Rockies 6. Giants 5: Vinny Castilla hit a two-run homer. Matt Holliday drove in two runs, and visiting Colorado beat Jason Schmidt.

Joe Kennedy (7-6) allowed five runs and nine hits in 71/3 innings as the Rockies won their second straight following a season-high eight-game losing streak.

Schmidt (15-6) allowed six runs for the second consecutive game in 41/3 innings as the Giants fell 11/2 games behind Chicago in the wild-card race.

Marlins 9. Mets 6: Carl Pa-

vano (16-5) moved into a tie for the NL lead in wins, helping visiting Florida gain ground in the wild-card chase - 21/2 games behind Chicago.

Damion Easley and Juan Encarnacion each drove in three runs for the Marlins, who swept the four-game series and have won seven in a row

They'll have to wait at least a couple days to get back on the field, though, because Friday night's series onener against the Cubs was postponed because of Hurricane Frances.

Rookie David Wright homered twice for the Mets, who have lost six straight and 11 of 12, ending their homestand 1-10.

Brewers 7, Pirates 1: At Milwaukee, Ben Sheets (10-10) threw a four-hitter for his first win since the All-Star break, Bill Hall homered and drove in four runs, and the Brewers salvaged a split of their four-game series.

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Dec. 10-13 — Winter meetings, Anaheim, Calif.

Dec. 19 – Last day for free agents offered salary arbitration to accept or reject the of-Dec. 20 — Last day for teams to offer 2005 contracts to unsigned players.

Jan 5-15 – Salary abstration filing.

Jan, 8 — Last day until May 1 for free agents who rejected arbitration offers to re-sign with their former teams.

Exchange of salary arbitration of salary arbitration.

Feb. 12 - Salary arbitration hearings.
Feb. 13 - Voluntary reporting date for pitchers, catchers and injured players.
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March 2-11 - Teams may renew contracts. March 2 — Mandatory reporting date.
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March 6 — Last day to place a player on
unconditional release waivers and pay 30
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March 30 — Last day to request unconditional release waivers on a player without

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# **SPORTS**



Drivers head to California Speedway with two races remaining to get into Chase for the Cup. Page 37

# **Reyes for Heisman?**

With a chance at third straight 1,000-yard season, Syracuse running back's candidacy not a stretch

> BY JOHN KEKIS The Associated Press

asid Reyes, who enters his senior year at Syracuse with the chance to become the first running back in school history to have three consecutive 1,000-yard seasons. "When I

first came here I always said I wanted to make a number for

SYRACUSE, N.Y. alter Reyes shrugged at the question: Would he give up his No. 39 and wear Syracuse's famed No. 44 if coach Paul Pasqualoni offers? if it's going to be a hard decision."

son-ending victory over Notre Dame last December, also was the Orange's second-leading receiver with 38 catches for 375 yards and one touchdown. His 1,732 all-purpose yards were the third-highest total in Y.
school history.
Reyes already holds the Syracuse career rushing touchdown mark

with 38. He also ranks seventh all-time with 2,621 career rushing yards but needs just 314 yards to move past Conka into second place. Morris, the only other Syracuse back to have three 1,000-yard seasons, sits atop the list with 4,299 yards.

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myself, even though 39 also was worn by the great Larry Csonka. But when you talk about No. 44, if its them sot prestigious number in Syracuse history, so that's a lot of pressure."

Indeed. Jim Brown, Floyd Little, and Ernie Davis, the only Syracuse player to win the Heisman Trophy (1961), each wore it with great distinction. Nobody has domned it since Rob Konrad in 1998.

Reyes seems equal to the challenge if it's presented.

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Reyes, who runs tow and uses in impressive power, acceleration, cutting ability and breakaway speed to befuddle defenders, is coming off one of the most productive seasons in Syracuse history.

In 2003, he ran for 1,347 yards (the second-best total in school history be-

second-best total in school history behind Joe Morris's 1,372 yards in 1979) and a school-record 20 touchdowns, averaging 5.3 yards per carry. And this year he's being promoted by the university for the Heisman Trophy as the Orange prepare to open the season at No. 24 Purdue on Sunday.

"It's a great preseason honor, but we still have II games to play, so you can't get too caught up in the preseason stuff," said the 5-foot-10, 213-pound Reyes, who struck a Heisman pose for the Carrier Dome fans after rushing for 241 yards and four "The last season agains for the standard four "All the season agains in July, that "We have the season again in July, that "We have I hought about it. Now, I don't even think about it when I'm practicing."

He does when he uses his cell phone.

"When I flip it open, I have the Heisman Trophy as my screen. "So maybe I lied," Reyes said, laughing.

Reyes, who ran for five touchdowns in a sea-

Walter Reyes has a chance to become the first running back to have three straight 1,000-yard seasons at Syracuse, a school which boasts back field alumni Larry Csonka, Jim Brown, and 1961 Heisman Trophy winner Ernie Davis.

Ninth straight win puts Red Sox 4½ ahead of Angels in AL wild-card race; Cardinals continue NL power trip

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Patriots lose third straight in preseason but rest starters for Thursday's opener

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